



SCHOOLS FACE ROAD SAFETY BILL

Report by Richard Guttridge

LOLLIPOP wardens will disappear from outside school gates across the Dudley borough – unless schools pick up the bill to pay for them.

Cash-strapped Dudley Council is set to axe all of its school crossing patrols as part of drastic cost-cutting measures but will give schools the option to step in to pay for road safety wardens.

Bosses have admitted that many schools in other parts of the country have not been able to meet similar costs, meaning that the number of lollipop men and women outside schools in the borough is likely to plummet.

Annual costs to schools to keep their wardens would vary, from just over £1,000 to as much as £20,000 for sites which use more than one.

All schools run by the local authority are affected. The changes, which would come into force from next year, would save the council around £260,000 per year.

The Labour-controlled authority needs to save £20 million over the next three years following severe budget cuts imposed by the Government.

School crossing wardens are an area where the council can save money as the authority is not legally obliged to provide them.

Worried

Dudley Council previously revealed plans to charge schools for their wardens but has now said crossings will go unmanned if schools cannot afford, or choose not, to keep them.

The plans are likely to be met by a backlash from worried parents. In recent years, campaigns have been launched by parents at schools where retiring wardens have not been replaced. Meanwhile, many school budgets are already stretched.

New 20mph zones are set to be rolled out at 15 schools in the borough, which bosses hope will lessen the need for crossing wardens.

Councillor Patrick Harley, leader of the council's opposition Conservative Group, accused the council of 'shirking its responsibility' and 'morally blackmailing' schools.

He said: "We know the authority has got to make savings but they shouldn't be making frontline cuts that have a direct impact on people who use them, in this case, parents and children. It's scandalous."

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "The service is not a statutory requirement but the council has previously been in a position to fund this service to schools across the borough."

"While we recognise its importance, we do need to look at alternative options to fund the service due to the unprecedented times we face as a result of significantly reduced funding from central Government."

GAZZA IS FINED £1,000 FOR RACIST COMMENT



Fined £1,000 – Paul Gascoigne arrives at Dudley Magistrates Court to plead guilty to racially-aggravated harassment of a security guard

FORMER England footballer Paul Gascoigne was fined £1,000 at Dudley Magistrates Court after admitting racially abusing a black security guard at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

He was also ordered to pay £1,000 compensation to Errol Rowe over the comment made in front of hundreds of people during his 'An Evening with Gazza' show last year. The bodyguard was standing in the shadows at the side of the stage when Gascoigne asked him "can you smile so I can see you?" during the show. But he denied an allegation that he had made a comment in the dressing room that

he "didn't know my security had a sun tan". Mr Rowe said he had been "humiliated" and reduced to tears by the abuse from his football hero.

District Judge Graham Wilkinson told the former Newcastle, Spurs and Glasgow Rangers player that his words were "insidious racism that needed to be challenged" and that he had targeted Mr Rowe because of his colour in order to "get a laugh."

"Mr Rowe was clearly humiliated on stage because of no other reason than the colour of his skin. This is a very serious offence."

Lawyer Gavin Harris told the court: "Mr Gascoigne is sorry for the offence he caused Mr Rowe that evening."

Mr Harris added: "The words used were not said out of malice but were from a bygone age."

Dressed in a pinstripe suit, Gazza, 49, who lives in Poole, Dorset, signed autographs and posed for pictures with fans before heading into court to plead guilty to racially-aggravated harassment. He was ordered to pay £600 in court costs before being driven away in a Porsche.

RETAIL

Bosses in 'reluctant' decision to shut store

THE Co-op on Stourbridge High Street is set to close with 19 jobs put at risk. The shop is expected to shut down on October 1.

A Co-op spokesman said: "The decision to close any store is taken with the greatest reluctance, and forms part of our ongoing food store review."

"Colleagues have been informed and every effort will be made to find alternative employment for them. We would like to thank our customers for their valued custom and support."

POLICE

Man arrested over alleged hit-and-run

A MAN has been arrested over a suspected hit-and-run that left two women and two young children injured.

The 27-year-old was arrested in Stourbridge in the early hours of Monday on suspicion of assault.

Two three-year-old children and two adults were injured when they were hit close to Hob Green Primary School in Hob Green Road, Wolliscote.

The youngsters – a boy and a girl – and the two women were not seriously hurt in last Monday morning's incident

SPORT

£20k fund boost for football club's base

A STATE-OF-THE-ART pavilion will be created on a village playing fields after a football club was awarded more than £20,000 in funding.

The cash will allow West Hagley Football Club to create the facility aimed at encouraging more boys and girls to take up soccer.

The club will receive £21,500 after a funding bid to the Veolia Environmental Trust was successful.

Bosses have been aiming to replace run-down changing rooms on the Hagley Playing Fields for years. The new funding means the project can now be completed.

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Defibrillator to be put in church

A CHURCH in Dudley is having a life-saving defibrillator machine installed.

Dudley Community Church in Salop Street was donated the device by West Midlands Ambulance Service.

It is used to help restart the heart of someone in cardiac arrest and is now on hand at the church to help anyone in the community when an emergency happens.

Andy Jaynes, the trust's community response manager, also provided first aid and defibrillator training to staff at the church and counselling centre.

Parliament pops up in town centre

YOUNG people are being invited to have their say at a 'Pop up Parliament' event coming to Dudley town centre on Saturday.

The event in Market Place will be hosted by the Dudley Youth Council as part of a national youth consultation called 'Make your Mark', organised by the UK Youth Parliament to find out what young people want their representatives to focus on.

The 'Pop up Parliament' runs from 10am to 4pm. Anyone aged 11 to 18 can take part. For further details contact Darren Foley (01384) 815174.

Green light for a new car park

WORK on a new car park in Dudley town centre is due to be completed in time for Christmas shopping.

It comes as archaeological investigations were completed last week on land earmarked for the 90 space car park in Tower Street.

Walls and floors of cellars from that date from the Georgian period were uncovered. However, nothing of significance has been identified as part of the dig, so construction can continue.

Aldi store to open on pub site next month

A NEW supermarket is set to open in Dudley at the end of October. The Aldi store will open its doors on the site of the demolished King Arthur pub, next to Birmingham New Road.

In recent weeks work has progressed quickly, with the structure and the 94-space car park taking shape, alongside promotional signs outside the premises.

Bosses say that they received a large amount of support from the local community for the new store.

Slasher tales in library

THE Friends of Sedgley Library will be finding out about the Tipton Slasher this morning (Thursday). Chris Smith is giving a talk at 10.30am on bare-knuckle fighter William Perry, who was twice champion of England. The talk is at the library in Ladies Walk at 10.30am, £2 admission.

Flats plan at former audio visual business

THE former base of an independent electrical retailer in Dudley could be turned into seven apartments, under new plans.

The five-storey building on the town High Street was occupied by Derann Audio Visual, a family-run business famous for supplying cine film and associated equipment, which now operates online instead.

Now a proposal has been submitted to Dudley Council to turn the empty building into five two-bed apartments and two one-bed apartments.

It would see the demolition of the rear wing of the building and the car park would remain.

The work would be carried out in two stages with the second phase seeing a new building with a shop and some of the apartments above.

Protect

In a document attached to the application, it states: "In its current condition the building is vacant and could result in damage by anti-social behaviour."

"In order to protect and retain the architectural features of the listed building from damage it is important to make use of the building as soon as possible.

"Therefore the proposed retention retail shop would be beneficial as the building is located in a busy area."

A decision will be made by Dudley planners in coming weeks.

Tribute show for organist Brian

A CONCERT will take place to remember Dudley organist Brian Sharp, who died earlier this year. Mr Sharp made regular appearances on BBC Radio 2 and was part of the house band on TV shows Pebble Mill at One and Saturday Night at the Mill.

The event will be at the Mercure Kidderminster Hotel, in Habberley Road, Bewdley, on Monday at 8pm with proceeds to the Deansley Centre Trust at New Cross Hospital.

The concert will feature organists Howard Beaumont, from the Spa Complex in Scarborough; Jean Martyn, of Britain's Got Talent fame, Byron Jones, from Bristol; and Stourbridge's David Ingle. Tickets £10 will be available on the night. Call George Ingle on (01384) 274500.

End of summer event at park

THE Friends of Wollescote Park are holding an End of Summer Fayre on Saturday at the park from 11am to 3pm. The event is free admission and will feature stalls, tombola, raffle, barbecue and other refreshments.

Rail centre on track to deliver 200 jobs

A MULTI-MILLION pound rail centre will deliver more than 200 jobs and 300 apprenticeships across five years, say council bosses.

Contracts are on the verge of being signed for the £27.8 million very light rail complex at Dudley's Castle Hill. Council chiefs have promised the 'world class' centre will create 225 jobs, 331 apprenticeships and 33 new businesses by 2021.

The route of the very light rail will run from this centre through Dudley Tunnel before terminating close to Cinder Bank. News of the centre's opportunities have been revealed in papers due to come before Dudley Council's cabinet meeting. The document states: "The project will create a world class research, development and educational centre

focussed on the creation of innovative Very Light Rail vehicles on land in the ownership of the Council at Castle Hill. The centre, requiring the use of test track facilities, would be ideally situated adjacent to the mothballed freight line.

Partnership

"Working in partnership with the Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG), other higher education bodies, transport suppliers and neighbouring local authorities, the centre will lead on the development of the vehicles, associated infrastructure and training for the next generation of public transport solutions."

Dudley was one of the biggest communities in the country to be hit as a result of the closures brought

about by Dr Richard Beeching's report. Following his findings the station at the bottom of Castle Hill was closed in July 1964.

Dudley Council's transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "It is not just nationally but internationally significant, as part of the old Beeching lines being reopened."

He added: "It is really good news that it is going to create 225 jobs and more than 300 apprenticeships by the end of 2021, but we are also looking to generate even more job creation."

The modern centre in the shadow of Dudley Castle, will develop and test the next generation of light rail systems, will link Dudley to the national rail network for the first time in more than 50 years.

Shirt over head robber jailed after crime spree

A DRUG addict who raided two bookmakers and a supermarket during a four-day crime spree, and terrified staff who believed he had a gun, has been jailed for six years.

Serial thief Michael Webb had workers running for cover as he burst into two William Hill bookmakers in Stourbridge and also got away with £600 cash from a Sainsbury's, a judge heard.

Webb, aged 37, went into the stores holding up an item covered by a carrier bag, which he led staff to believe was a gun - he later said it was just a rolled up newspaper.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard how he targeted William Hill in Wollaston at around 9pm on August 12. The robber demanded the man working behind the counter fill up his bag with cash. Believing Webb to have a gun, the worker fled from the counter to a back office and called the police.

Ms Joanne Barker, prosecuting, told the court that Webb, who has racked up 19 convictions and had been given a suspended prison sentence for burglary three days earlier, then abandoned the robbery attempt.

But tried his luck again less than an hour later at Sainsbury's in Wollaston and this time was successful.

Alarm

Ms Barker said: "He ran into the store with his shirt over his head and again demanded money. The assistant activated the alarm and, believing the defendant had a gun, complied with his demands."

Three days later, at around 9pm, Webb tried to get his hands on more money at William Hill in Amblecote but was again thwarted. This time he had socks covering his hands and arms to cover his distinctive tattoos, the court heard. Again, the raider held up a bag, which the frightened man behind the counter believed had a gun inside. But after the worker ran to an office, Webb was unable to get past the glass screen and left empty-handed.

Webb, of Kingsway, Wollaston, who the court heard was a cocaine addict, was caught after stealing a pack of razor blades from a Tesco store. He was found in possession of a kitchen knife in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge.

Webb pleaded guilty to robbery, two counts of attempted robbery, theft and possession of an article with a blade or point.

Fizzogs take new show on tour



The Fizzogs - Jackie, Sue and Deb - as the Dancing Grannies, seen at Stourbridge Carnival

BLACK Country comedy group The Fizzogs have a new comedy sketch show that is going on tour from December to March.

Suck It and See will feature many of the famous Fizzogs characters, including the dancing grannies that became an internet sensation.

Fizzog Productions last month took the show to the Edinburgh Fringe, their second trip to the huge arts festival in the Scottish

capital. Also appearing with the Fizzogs will be Black country comedian Jonny Cole.

The first dates for the show, which is suitable for the over-14s, are at Netherton Arts Centre from December 15 to 17 and it will then be staged at Birmingham's Crescent Theatre from January 12 to 14.

Tickets will be £15 for all performances and can be booked through the website at www.

thefizzogs.com and there will also be a performance at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre on February 4 and at the Theatre on the Steps in Bridgnorth from February 9 to 11.

Fizzog Productions was formed in 2000 by Sue Hawkins, Jacky Fellows and Deb Nicholls.

They will also stage A Black Country Fairy Tale... Ay It! at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on October 27. Call the Grand's box office on 01902 429 212

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



AS the row over grammar schools rages on, it occurs to me that the five Rhodes Boys – I was the second of five sons – must have been a rare thing among the education statistics. All five of us passed the 11-plus to grammar school but not one of us went to university.

I DON'T recall the 11-plus being particularly difficult, even if some of the questions were bonkers. I remember one test paper where you had to fill in the missing word: "In the park we throw c-----s for the birds." The correct answer was "crumbs" but half of us put "crusts". We argued that crumbs are far too light to be thrown and this paper had obviously been written by someone who never fed the birds. In the face of a revolt, the teacher backed down and gave us the marks.

I TAKE issue, too, with one of the many questions from original 11-plus papers now being reprinted in the newspapers: "How many thirds are there in nine?" The "correct" answer is 27 and I can see why. But if you take the view that everything, from a sack of coal to a 1,000-metre race, is made up of three thirds then there are three thirds in nine, each third being three. I may have passed my 11-plus but I managed to fail maths O-level three times.

MONDAY: David Cameron stands down as an MP, saying he does not want to be a "distraction" to MP Theresa May. Wednesday: the Commons foreign affairs committee criticises the Cameron government for its intervention in Libya. There may be a connection. And yet how many politicians and pundits who



are now castigating Cameron and drawing wild comparisons with Blair's war on Iraq were leading the "we must do something" campaign back in 2011? Remember the pitiful images of terrified Libyan children appealing to the world to help? A massacre in Benghazi seemed imminent. How could we not intervene? Action was approved by the United Nations. Hindsight is always crystal-clear.

I INTERVIEWED Cameron a few times. He struck me as an essentially decent man who answered straight questions with far straighter answers than some politicians I could mention.

THERE is a serious purpose to my trip to Yorkshire. Exactly 100 years ago, my grandfather's brother, 20-year-old Private Alvin Smith, was in a front-line trench on the Somme. It was the last day of his life. A century on, in his home village, we will remember him.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Corbyn says let's unite and move forward

LABOUR leader Jeremy Corbyn has called on Ian Austin to unite with him and 'move forward' with the party under his leadership.

It came as reports surfaced of a plan to oust fellow Black Country MP Tom Watson from his position as deputy leader, which has been denied by Mr Corbyn.

The Labour leader was speaking to The Chronicle's sister newspaper

the Express & Star following a leadership rally in Birmingham which attracted thousands of supporters on Saturday.

Asked what his message would be to the Dudley North MP included on a 'hit-list' of rebels, Mr Corbyn said: "I know Ian like I know other Labour MPs and I will be talking to Ian and all of them and say, 'well, actually on issues on austerity, economics and

the politics which go with that we are united. We can move forward, and as we defeated the Tories on tax credits, we can do the same on these."

Mr Austin has been a vocal opponent of Mr Corbyn since he took office last year.

Mr Austin responded to his leader's comments, saying: "Jeremy keeps calling for unity, but last week members were really dismayed to see

his team publish a divisive hit-list of MPs

"I want a united, competent Labour Party that can earn the trust of people in the Black Country and win an election. Jeremy needs to put together a competent team, set out policies that win the public's trust, persuade them he's a potential Prime Minister and take us ahead in the polls."

Austin fury over Labour leader's hit-list of MPs

By Peter Madeley

FURIOUS Ian Austin has accused Jeremy Corbyn of hypocrisy after he was criticised for undermining the Labour leader on a 'hit-list' of party rebels.

The Dudley North MP was among 13 Labour politicians – including deputy leader and fellow Black Country MP Tom Watson – that were said to have abused Mr Corbyn and his allies in a list distributed to the media.

His inclusion is thought to relate to a Commons debate on the Chilcot report in July, during which he told the Labour leader to 'shut up' and shouted 'you're a disgrace'.

Mr Austin said: "Members won't understand how Jeremy can call for unity, but then issue a hit list of MPs that includes our deputy leader. Labour needs to get the leadership election over and focus on taking the fight to the Tories."

Mr Corbyn's campaign team said the list was a draft press release that had not been signed off and was issued accidentally, but he did not apologise for its release during last Wednesday night's televised Labour hustings.

Grassroots

West Bromwich East MP Mr Watson received an apology from shadow chancellor John McDonnell's media advisor, James Mills, after he was included on the list for calling grassroots campaign group Momentum a 'rabble'.

Mr Watson said: "I have received an apology on behalf of the campaign and that's good enough for me. You get hotheads in any campaign team, but this has been dealt with in the right way."

The list also features Birmingham Yardley MP Jess Phillips, who said she received a threat that was linked to being named on the list. It also includes Mr Corbyn's leadership opponent Owen Smith.

Mr Austin has been a vocal opponent of Mr Corbyn since he took office last year, and has admitted to opposing him on a raft of key issues.



Labour deputy leader Tom Watson received an apology after his inclusion on the party rebel list



Dudley North MP Ian Austin during a Commons debate



Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn is under fire

Too many homes left empty, says councillor

A DUDLEY councillor has called on the Government to focus on refurbishing empty properties to help ease the housing crisis.

According to Government statistics there are currently 600,000 empty homes in the UK and Bill Etheridge said they should be used to house people struggling to find somewhere to live.

UKIP Euro MP Mr Etheridge, who represents Sedgley on Dudley Council, also attacked landlords who leave properties empty.

He claimed that cutting immigration could help solve the problem.

He said: "It is very important that the Government speed up refurbishments and transactions in order to get these UK families housed."

Curb

"The continuation of mass immigration has seen property prices rise to the point where there is now a buy-to-leave market, where owners are simply leaving property empty and watching its value increase.

"A curb on the levels of migrants would make this option less attractive. If these steps are taken there would be no need for unnecessary large scale building. Unless, of course, there is a hidden agenda? "Are these proposed houses being built for our citizens or is the Government planning to allow immigration to continue at its current level?"

"I think it's time we had some answers as to what is happening."

Riders turning out for funeral tribute

MORE than 100 motorcyclists were due to form a procession for the funeral of an apprentice engineer, who died in a road accident at Brierley Hill earlier this month.

The procession was honouring Elliott Beddow, of Stourton, who died on September 3 after he came off his Harley Davidson during the accident on Brettell Lane.

The procession was due to set off from this home before his funeral yesterday (Wednesday) at Stourbridge Crematorium.

Phil Beavens, funeral director H Porter and Sons, in Stourbridge, said: "Although he was only 20, he was a member of a number of motorcycle groups and very well thought of by his family, close friends and peers."

Chess club forced to close after 40 years

IT'S checkmate for Hagley Chess Club, which has been forced to close due to falling membership.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police seeking owners of tools

POLICE officers are appealing for help to find the owners of power tools recovered during an investigation. A number of the stolen tools have been traced back to victims from Dudley, the Black Country, as well as Staffordshire and West Mercia.

The tools were recovered at a property in Coesley on August 12.

Officers would like to return the remaining tools to the rightful owners.

If anyone has had any power tools stolen prior to August 12, email PC Naomi Smith on n.e.smith@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Society planning a Rotten show

THE Tab Operatic Society is marking its 70th anniversary year by performing comedy musical Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.

The group has successfully secured the performing rights for the hit West End show and has hired Stourbridge Town Hall Theatre for the large scale musical. The move of venue will be only Tab's second in its history, having previously performed at the Tabernacle Church Hall in Old Hill and, more recently, Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels will be performed from March 27 to April 1.

Bluetones singer at the Scarycanary

A SINGER-SONGWRITER who fronted a popular 1990s band will be performing in Stourbridge next month.

Bluetones frontman Mark Morris is taking to the stage of Scarycanary The Venue, on High Street, on October 1.

New songs and Bluetones favourites will be performed on the night. Tickets cost £8 in advance or £10. Doors open 7pm. To book visit www.wegotickets.com/event/367523

Coffee and cake with MP to help Macmillan

DUDLEY South MP Mike Wood will be holding a coffee morning later this month to raise money for cancer charity Macmillan.

The event will take place at his new constituency office in Wordsley, 111A High Street, on September 30, running from 10am to 2pm.

It is being held as part of Macmillan national awareness campaign which is run every year. Turn up on the day to take part and make a small donation for a coffee and slice of cake.

Pub joins charity event

A STOURBRIDGE pub is holding an event for a cancer charity.

The Starling Rascal pub on the corner of Collis Street and Brettell Lane, will be hosting a fundraiser as part of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 30, from 11am.

Drug addict burglar in halfway house raid

A BURGLAR with a drug problem, who stole from the halfway house where he had been living, has been locked up for more than two years.

Scott Harris kept the keys to the property after being evicted and used them to get into the address in Highgate Road, Brierley Hill.

The 31-year-old father-of-four took a tumble dryer.

He was identified as the culprit on CCTV film of the August 12 incident and was arrested six days later.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that on June 14 he had stolen a PlayStation games console from the home of his sister which he sold to fund his drug addiction.

Mrs Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said both crimes broke the terms of a 12-month suspended prison sentence imposed on the defendant for an unrelated offence.

Heroin

Mr Richard Davenport, defending, said: "He has had difficulties with the use of heroin and crack and had spiralled back into addiction.

"It was not a normal dwelling house burglary. This was an establishment that housed people with problems. It was shared supported accommodation."

Harris from Wavell Road, Quarry Bank admitted burglary, theft and breaching the terms of the suspended sentence, which was activated in full.

He was jailed for a total of two years four months.

National pet show on way to the NEC

THE National Pet Show is coming to Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre in November.

The exhibition over the weekend of November 5 and 6 will feature many animal experts and celebrities from the small screen.

These will include Channel 4's Supervet Professor Noel Fitzpatrick, who will be presenting the Eukanuba Supervet Live, and BBC's Spring and Autumn Watch presenter Michaela Strachan, who is hosting SuperDogs Live.

Adult tickets for the show are priced at £17 and child tickets are priced at £12.

For more information on this year's event visit www.thenationalpetshow.com website.

Musical needs a hand backstage

A THEATRE group needs backstage help for its next production. Trinity Musical Theatre Company stages The Witches of Eastwick in the Mill Theatre at the Dormston Centre, Sedgley, in November. Call 07428 001237.

Youngsters climb as a tribute to brother



Martha and Archie with fundraising manager Karen Phillips

A YOUNG boy whose twin brother died during his birth has raised cash for a hospital 10 years on.

Eight-year-old Archie Bradburn, of Moor Lane, Pattingham, climbed Snowdon with family and friends, raising just under £700 for the Maternity Unit and Bereavement Services at Russell's Hall Hospital in Dudley.

During labour on September 17 2006, Archie's mother, Kelly Bradburn, lost her son Alfie due to complications.

Now, Archie and his younger sister Martha, aged seven, have raised just

under £700 for the maternity unit at Russells Hall in memory of their brother and to thank them for their hard work.

They climbed Snowdon alongside Kelly, 36, her 39-year-old husband Martyn - who works for JLR - and family friends Michelle and Stephen Handley and their children Freddie and Josie.

Kelly, a cabin crew worker for Monarch, said not a day goes by where she doesn't think about Alfie, who was died after she suffered a miscarriage at 20 weeks back in September 2006.

However, an innovative procedure meant Archie was saved and born healthy in January 2007.

Archie wanted to do some fundraising this year for the hospital in aid of the brother he never got to know.

"For their little legs it was very challenging," Kelly said. "But they hardly complained at all."

"When they got to the bottom they said next time around they will be going to Everest."

"After we left the hospital Archie was already talking about what he can do next year."

Muggers hunted after attack on grandfather

POLICE have launched a hunt for muggers who attacked a terminally-ill pensioner as he went to get his hair cut in Brierley Hill town centre.

Roy Weston was robbed of his and his wife's weekly pension money in broad daylight last Monday morning, September 12.

The 78-year-old grandfather was pushed from behind by a man and a woman as the callous thieves pounced.

Mr Weston had picked up the pension money from the post office and had walked the short distance to Pepe's hairdressers in High Street at around 9.20am. He was attacked as he was about to walk through the door.

The frail victim, who was diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer last year, was left shaken by the attack.

Mr Weston, who lives in Brierley Hill, said: "I left the wife in the hairdressers and went to the post office. I went back to the hairdressers and as I opened the door a man and a woman came from behind me and pushed me into the hairdressers. Before I realised it, my money had gone."

Frightened

Mr Weston and his wife Maureen, 76, have been left scared to go into the town centre following the incident. He said: "It has knocked us about a bit, with my cancer. It has really upset us, it has frightened us."

"We are frightened to go up the town and I have been going for years and years. I'll always be looking behind."

His daughter Diane, 49, said: "I'm angry and upset. Dad was diagnosed with terminal cancer last November and he has kept a smile on his face and not let it beat him but after this happened he cried a lot at home. He felt useless and I don't want this to happen to anyone else."

Miss Weston pleaded with anybody who saw what happened to help police catch the culprits.

She said: "To mug an OAP of their pension money is disgusting."

"If anybody has got information about what happened please come forward. How would you feel if it was your parents who had just been mugged? Please come forward."

Mr Weston previously worked at the Marsh and Baxter meat factory in the town before retirement.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Gina Lycett said: "We are appealing for information after a man had his pension stolen in Brierley Hill."

"Anyone with information is urged to contact West Midlands Police or to contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."



Maureen Weston, with her husband Roy, who was mugged in the street after collecting their pension money

Free spooky Halloween fun for families

FAMILIES can enjoy two free Halloween trails with prizes up for grabs.

The events will be taking place during next half term, from October 22 to 31.

A spooky trail will be available from Netherton and Brierley Hill libraries to lead families around the two town centres.

Youngsters who solve the clues can put their completed forms

into a prize draw and a winner will be picked at each library.

Netherton Library holds the Halloween trail on October 28 when there will also be storytelling at 11am and themed craft activities throughout the day. The Brierley Hill trail is on October 29 with the stories and craft activities taking place from 1pm.

The winners will get a family ticket for the Himley Hall bon-

fire and fireworks show, worth £23 plus free parking. Youngsters are asked to wear spooky fancy dress for the storytelling.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "I hope that families make the most of this opportunity to spend time in our town centres whilst enjoying the fun of Halloween."

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



On your bike! They are also to blame

BRAVO! West Midlands Police have been employing undercover officers in plain clothes to ride around the area on bikes to catch motorists who do not leave enough space when overtaking.

And they have been very busy, it seems, with 38 prosecutions over the summer. Good work all round.

The only thing that surprises me about all this is that we are still allowed to overtake cyclists. I would have thought by now it would surely have been classed as a 'hate crime', like wolf-whistling is in Nottingham.

In the balance of fairness, though, I'm sure that an equal number of undercover police officers will now be deployed to catch cyclists who use the pavements as a motorway, ride two abreast on narrow country lanes, and – most annoyingly of all – treat red traffic lights as if they apply solely to other road users.

Because I'm sure nobody would want to see one group given preferential treatment over another.

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SATURDAY night television, particularly reality television, is something I normally give a wide berth. X Factor, Come Dancin', Dancing on Ice or whatever, I usually avoid it like anthrax. However, I will level with you, the other Saturday I accidentally caught a bit of X Factor. Only a few minutes, but nevertheless I apologise for momentarily contributing to the viewing figures and I will try not to do it again.

Two thoughts sprang to mind. Why does anybody watch this tired, cliché-ridden nonsense? And secondly, why is Meg Richardson off Crossroads on the judging panel?



So who is judge – Sharon Osbourne or Crossroads' Meg Richardson?

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IF, as expected, Jeremy Corbyn is re-elected Labour leader this Saturday, he might want to thank Birmingham reggae group UB40 who backed his campaign. Or at least some of them did. You see, UB40 is now split into two factions each laying claim to the name. On one hand, Brian Travers, Robin and Duncan Campbell, Norman Hassan, Jimmy Brown and Earl Falconer, were in Team Corbyn. The other faction made up of former frontman Ali Campbell, Mickey Virtue and Terence 'Astro' Oswald, have not, as far as I am aware, declared a position.

The three Campbells, are all brothers, but Ali fell out with Robin and Duncan some years ago. Splits, factions, good thing none of that goes on in politics.



Prof Charalambos Vlachopoulos



Newspaper articles often warn of the possible dangers of vaping



Councillor Richard Overton

'Vaping' at heart of new health warning

Worrying new research has cast doubt on the safety of electronic cigarettes. Report by MARK ANDREWS.

TEN years ago, electronic cigarettes were practically unheard of. Last year it was estimated that there were 2.6 million "vapers" in Britain alone.

The sight of people sucking on metal pen-shaped objects, emitting clouds of sweet-smelling vapour has become a familiar one as people turn to e-cigs in an attempt to give up smoking.

But now concerns have been raised that vaping could be as bad for the heart as smoking cigarettes. Worrying new research has found that the use of electronic cigarettes caused similar effects to the main heart artery as smoking the real thing.

The research, which was presented at the world's largest cardiology conference, flies in the face of advice from Public Health England, which last year said vaping is 95 per cent less harmful than tobacco.

Prescribe

It called for GPs to be able to prescribe e-cigarettes on the NHS to help people quit smoking.

Speaking at the European Society for Cardiology congress in Rome, Professor Charalambos Vlachopoulos, from the University of Athens Medical School, said experiments were carried out on 24 adults with an average age of 30, examining the immediate effects of e-cigarettes and smoking.

They found that the effects from a 30-minute session of vaping – seen as a typical habit as e-cigarettes deliver nicotine at a slower rate than cigarettes – were similar to those from smoking a cigarette for five minutes.

Prof Vlachopoulos warned that the UK had "rushed into" championing vaping as a method to help give up smoking, and said he



This is a more and more familiar sight as people have switched to vaping

would not recommend the use of e-cigarettes.

The findings come amid growing controversy about the safety of e-cigarettes, with little research available on the long term effects of vaping.

Prof Peter Weissberg, medical director at the British Heart Foundation, said: "Although the study was not designed to show whether electronic cigarettes can cause long term damage to our blood vessels, it shows that they cannot be assumed to be risk free.

"Much more research is needed to establish the safety of long-term use of these devices."

Councillor Richard Overton, Telford & Wrekin Council's cabinet member for health, says that while it is too early to know the long-term effects of vaping, it is almost certainly safer than smoking tobacco.

He says: "Quitting smoking is the single best thing that anyone can do for their health,

and we know that the vast majority of people who use electronic cigarettes are using them to stop smoking.

"The evidence suggests that electronic cigarettes are very likely to carry a fraction of the risk to people's health of smoking regular cigarettes. However, it is impossible for anyone to know the long term effects of vaping and we certainly cannot say that electronic cigarettes are completely risk free especially for anyone who is not or has not been a smoker.

"There is little evidence of harmful effects in the short to medium term, and an absence of evidence of significant harm to bystanders caused by e-cigarettes," says the Healthy Shropshire website.

"E-cigs are not harmless, the vapour they produce contains some toxins, but studies have shown that these are at levels far lower than those found in tobacco smoke.

"On the available evidence, using an e-cigarette is a great deal safer than smoking.

"There are unanswered questions on the effects of longer term use however, and we don't know about any risks to the unborn baby from exposure to vapour."

The authority adds that while mothers-to-be who smoke are advised to use licensed nicotine replacement products rather than e-cigs, they should not be discouraged from vaping if it helps them stop smoking.

"Emerging evidence suggests some of the highest successful quit rates are now seen among smokers who use an e-cigarette and also receive additional support from their local stop smoking services," the Shropshire Council website adds.

Research commissioned by Action on Smoking and Health has shown that the total cost to society in England of smoking is approximately £13.9 billion a year.

This includes the cost to the NHS of treating diseases caused by smoking which is about £2 billion a year.

Rosanna O'Connor, from Public Health England, argues that vaping "carries a fraction of the risk of smoking".

Deborah Arnott, chief executive of Ash said the Athens study did not prove that e-cigarettes were as hazardous as smoking.

Evidence

Gary Footman, who runs Ecigwizd in Wellington, says he has yet to see any hard evidence that there are any dangers attached to vaping, let alone that it was as dangerous as smoking tobacco.

"It's just a broad statement with no evidence to support it," he says.

"Public Health England are saying it is 95 per cent safer than smoking cigarettes and most doctors are telling people who smoke to vape as an alternative to smoking, maybe as a way of quitting altogether. It is certainly safer than smoking."

He added that the liquids used in e-cigarettes contained no carcinogens, unlike cigarettes which contained thousands of chemicals.

"A lot of my customers say if it wasn't for vaping they would still be smoking," Mr Footman adds.

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Level playing field may hold students back

IT appears that the powers that be are still trying to lump us together.

I was fortunate enough to pass the entrance exam and interview for grammar school. Against everyone's expectations.

I was not in any way a brilliant student and struggled my way to five GCEs, as the qualifications were then known.

However, 17 years after leaving school I went to evening classes covering a subject which I had failed at GCE.

I was the oldest in the class and passed my exam with 86 per cent, which gained me a credit. The point is, we do not all learn at the same speed.

Many folk are brilliant from a young age, whatever their background. Some of us struggle and learn more slowly.

I feel that by trying to level the playing field in respect to education is quite possibly holding back the more early learners, whilst destroying the confidence of the slower learners.

I was a product of a grammar school as was my late brother. He was a quick learner whilst I developed later in life.

However, in spite of being physically disabled, certain of my teachers recognised something in me which they pushed me into doing.

I remember refereeing a game in our gym display and was given minor roles in our school plays.

I doubt that this would have happened if my education had been anything other than it was.

I am, because of this, all in favour of grammar schools.

LEN HALES
Cradley Heath

Don't need to worry about Dave

SO there we have it, David Cameron throws his toys out of the pram.

This is the person whose achievements can be written on the back of a matchbox, ie gay marriage and six years of failed Tory austerity.

Many people in the UK will be feeling the effects of that austerity for many decades to come.

His party has put more people into poverty in living memory in this country than any other.

He now wants to do work for charity, perhaps he can hand food parcels out at local food banks, which his party is famous for creating.

Maybe he could even change the name of them to Cameron's food store.

The Cameron legacy, which he made me become a member of at the age of 60 after working for over 40 years, is his party put me out of work.

Thank you Dave.
C LLOYD
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Don't just improve education for an elite

I'M somewhat bewildered that grammar schools are this Government's hot new potato. It seems to have come completely out of the blue after being shelved for many years, what with Brexit, financial problems, Trident, HS2, the NHS crisis, to mention just a few. They are now stirring up a furore where there does not have to be one.

I cannot remember this matter being mentioned in their manifesto. I was not aware the public had concerns over grammar schools. What I was aware of was the public had concerns over the standard of our education.

Without consultation this Government has taken upon itself to again waste millions on something we do not need. What we do need is millions spent on the education of all pupils and not just the selected few, whereby again we will end up with elitism.

Where will the teachers come from to maintain grammar schools, let me guess, they will deplete our comprehensives, which in turn will further reduce our hopes of the young.

Well done Conservatives, another policy the general public had no choice in. Just let the peasants do all the work and the elite get all the benefits, as usual.

PETER LOWE
Brierley Hill

This choir deserve to be on TV

I FELT I had to write to sing the praises - excuse the pun - of The Coseley Male Voice Choir.

On September 3 at William Street Church, Brierley Hill, they provided an evening of wonderful entertainment on behalf of the The Black Country Fibromyalgia Support Group, held monthly at the Nine Locks Community Centre, Brierley Hill, of which I am a member.

They kindly gave up their time for free and raised a considerable amount of money for us.

They were fantastic, treating us to a medley of songs. As for the musical director Ray, well what can I say, he put his heart and soul into the performance, as did the choir. And let us not forget Steve playing on the piano.

They were all like polished professionals, and in my honest opinion, they should be on TV.

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Bill will back new leader but still has eye on top job

EURO MP Bill Etheridge has vowed to give his full support to new UKIP leader Diane James but says he will be back for another tilt at the top job in the future.

The Sedgley councillor came third on 12.7 per cent in the party's contest to replace Nigel Farage, which saw Ms James storm to victory on 48 per cent. But Mr Etheridge, who is also a UKIP West Midlands MEP, said he was amazed to receive more than 2,000 votes in the members ballot, citing it as evidence that his profile had risen sharply during his leadership campaign.

Prize for best of pub goal celebrations

SEVERAL Black Country pubs are on the hunt for the most over-the-top goal celebration by fans in a national competition.

Greene King brewery is looking for jubilant supporters who rival the footballers on the pitch. With £1,000 up for grabs for the best 'CeleBEER-tion', the Bear Tavern in Smethwick; The Bradmore Arms, on Trysull Road, Wolverhampton; The Bramford Arms, on Park Road, Dudley; The Keymaster, on Wolverhampton Road West, Willenhall; and The Lutley Oak, on Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, are all taking part.

Jimmy Bullard, whose 2009 goal celebration mocking Hull City manager Phil Brown is famous, said: "Whether you pull your shirt over your head like Ravenelli, do the Peter Crouch robot, or your own move, we want to see it."

Fans can upload their pub goal celebrations to www.facebook.com/GK-SeasonTicket before October 2.

"I was a complete unknown in UKIP circles on a national scale before this campaign, so to get the support that I did is just incredible," he said.

"I'm sorry to disappoint many of my opponents, particularly those in the Labour party, but I'm not going away anytime soon.

"This campaign has proved to me that there is a place in the party for people with forthright opinions.

"Should the leaders position come up in future, and providing I feel I can build on this level of support, I see no reason why I wouldn't go for it again."

Mr Etheridge's campaign, dubbed 'Billieve in Bill', was marked by the launch of a series of controversial policy proposals. They included bringing back the death penalty, charging prisoners £40,000 a year to stay in jail, banning halal meat and slashing alcohol and tobacco duty by 50 per cent. He also called for the BBC to be privatised and proposed merging VAT with income tax.

"Being part of a campaign is not easy, and this one certainly was not all plain sailing," he said. "But I want people to look at me and know exactly what I'm about in terms of policy.

"I have opinions and I'll be damned if I ever shy away from putting them across, even if some of the things I say might not be everyone's cup of tea. What you see is what you get."

Plants are removed from landmark



A cherry picked is used to removed buddleia from the Red House Glass Cone

PLANTS which sprouted from the sides of the Black Country's famous Red House Glass Cone are being removed after it emerged they were damaging the landmark.

A cherry-picker has been sent almost 100ft into the air to remove buddleia plants which have grown out the top and sides of the building in Wordsley. It was crucial they are pulled out as it is believed they could damage the brickwork.

Any damaged joins will be filled in using a replica of the building's original mortar from the 1780s.

Dudley Council's regeneration boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "The Red House Glass Cone is an iconic part of the Wordsley skyline and a mark of Black Country pride in the region's glass-making heritage.

"Maintaining it is not only important for the cone's long-term structural integrity but also for civic pride in this impressive structure, which continues to be a popular visitor attraction and creative business hub."

The issue has been a common problem in recent years and a small tree growing out of the structure has previously been removed from the brickwork.

Officials from the authority have previously said preventing weeds from growing at the site was difficult. The weeds and plants grow from seeds which become airborne and lodge in the cone's brickwork.

The Red House Glass Cone was built between 1788 and 1794 by Richard Bradley.

Family thanks for the care of cancer nurses

THE family of a man who was supported by Macmillan nurses before his death have carried out a supermarket bag pack in Sedgley to raise money for the work of the nurses who helped him.

Keith Astbury was 66 when he died on August 13 at his home on Catherine Close, Tipton, after being diagnosed with terminal throat cancer just nine weeks before.

Daughter-in-law Karen Astbury, aged 39, of Ettingshall Park, Wolverhampton, who is married to Keith's son Craig Astbury said: "We wanted to do something positive after the recent loss and raise some money for Macmillan Cancer Support."

Karen and Craig's son Elliott, 11, helped to organise the supermarket bag pack on August 22 and 23 at the Co-op in Sedgley.

Keith's eldest grandchildren, twins Courtney and Leah, aged 15, who live in Greece most of the year with their mother, also helped to organise the bag pack while staying with their father Karl, 41, for the summer.

Elliott and the twins were joined by his friends Alfie Smith, Liam Hunt, Poppy Nicholls and Ellie-Mae James, who all attended Cotwall End Primary School.

Mrs Astbury added: "The customers were very generous and we actually collected a grand total of £840!"

Street collections boost animal charity

A CHARITY dedicated to highlighting and preventing the exploitation and ill-treatment of animals around the globe is celebrating a successful summer fundraising push.

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'Cathedral' window is being restored to glory



Site foreman Bryan Furber has looks at the rose window at 'the cathedral of the Black Country', St Mark's Church, Pensnett

WORK is under way at a church known as 'the cathedral of the Black Country' to restore one of its beautiful stained-glass windows following a two-year fundraising campaign.

The £33,000 appeal was launched by parishioners at St Mark's in Pensnett after a large chunk of masonry fell in 2014, prompting a safety scare.

Priest-in-charge Reverend Sue Oliver said: "If it had fallen on somebody's head it could have killed them."

Money has come in steadily with

£18,000 collected through fundraising, boosted by a £10,000 gift by the late church treasurer Robert Morgan.

Church-goers are hoping to take a considerable step towards paying off the rest of the bill at an event to celebrate the church's 167th anniversary.

A gift day is planned for Sunday when visitors will be asked to towards the cost of completing the work.

The Grade II-listed building, built in the 1840s, is highly regarded for its architecture and is one of three local churches funded by Lord Ward, the Earl of Dudley.

It is admired for its imposing site on a hillside, ambitious scale and impres-

sive interior. The story goes that Lord Ward wanted to build St Mark's bigger and better than the other churches after falling out with leaders at nearby St Thomas's. He tried to commission a steeple higher than the other church but was prevented because of the danger of subsidence caused by mining.

Scaffolding has gone up around the stained-glass rose window. It is hoped the work will be completed by Christmas.

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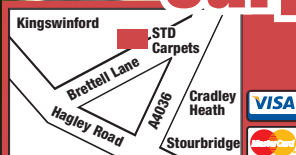
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Gym efforts raise £3,600 to help premature babies

A PREMATURE baby unit has received a £3,600 donation thanks to the efforts of gym members keen to get fit and help a good cause.

Run by Raj Kaur, Unique Fitness for Ladies Only is an independent gym based in Dudley. They have raised the generous sum through a series of activities including sponsored aerobathons, raffles and fun days.

For the first time this year some of the gym members also took up the challenge to reach 2,000 calories lost in under two hours, using the stepper.

The money raised will be used to buy two syringe drivers for drip machines for the Premature Baby Unit at Russells Hall Hospital. These machines allow tiny amounts of fluid or medicines to be administered continuously to the babies.

Congratulations for their efforts go to Lisa Brooks, Katie Rowley, Molly Tulloch, Zivile Zigariene, Joy Patel, Sara Gwynne, Teresa Smith, Gurjit Aujla and Jo Wilde.

Karen Phillips, fundraising manager for the Dudley Group NHS Charity said: "Charitable donations to our neonatal unit make such a difference to our tiny patients and their parents during an extremely stressful time.

"We are very grateful to Raj and the members of Unique Fitness who took part in the fundraising."

Gym boss Raj Kaur is the Mayor's Pride of Dudley winner and will continue to raise money for many local charities in the coming years to add to the gym members' £20,000 they have already raised over the last five years. The next event is a 5km Memory Walk for Alzheimer's.



Raj Kaur, centre, and gym member Doreen Cartwright present the cheque to Julie Marks at the Neonatal Unit

Big music festival proposed for valley

A MAJOR new music festival could be on its way to the Black Country with chart-topping stars on the bill and up to 240,000 music fans attending.

Council chiefs are in discussions with a promotional firm involved with V Festival about bringing a major show to Sandwell Valley Country Park.

Sandwell Council cabinet member for leisure, Councillor Richard Marshall, said up to 80,000 people could attend each day of the event, which is in the works following the success of this year's Let's Rock festival – an eighties music extravaganza that featured such famous names as Holly Johnson, Kim Wilde and Nick Heyward.

Talks are still in the early stages but Councillor Marshall said the inaugural festival could be held next summer if all goes to plan.

He said: "I've said for years that Sandwell Valley is much better than Glastonbury. The potential we've got is enormous."

Councillor Marshall said the authority is 'in the very early stages' of discussing the project and still needs to come up with a business plan.

Borough is bright spot after jump in jobless

THERE has been a shock jump in unemployment in the West Midlands, according to new figures that include the first month after the Brexit vote – but Dudley bucked the trend by recording a small fall in claimants.

While the picture has been improving nationwide – buoyed by big falls in unemployment in the East of England, Scotland, the South East – the West Midlands saw its figure rise by 17,000 to 176,000 between May and July.

The highest unemployment figure in more than a year made the West Midlands the worst performer of any UK region over those three months.

Across the UK as a whole a total of 1.63 million people are unemployed – a fall of 39,000 over the quarter and 190,000 down compared with a year ago, giving a jobless rate of 4.9 per cent.

But there was gloomier news as the number of people claiming unemployment benefits, such as Jobseeker's Allowance, jumped by 2,400 to 771,000 between July and August, the Office for National Statistics said.

That was reflected across the West Midlands, where it rose by 1,295 to 83,330.

Rare

In a rare bright spot the claimant count in Dudley fell by 20 to 5,685.

In Wolverhampton the claimant count increased by 185 to 6,830, or 4.3 per cent of the city's working population. That is more than double the national claimant rate of 1.9 per cent.

Walsall rose by 120 to

By Simon Penfold

4,905, while the number of people claiming unemployment benefits in Sandwell rose by 30 to 7,185. In Kidderminster and Wyre Forest it was up 40 at 745.

In Staffordshire the number claiming benefits was up by 120 to 5,080 but the picture was generally better in the south of the county. The number claiming benefits in Lichfield rose 20 to 415 but the claimant count in Stafford fell 20 to 670. Across Cannock Chase the claimant count was also down by 20 to 715 and in South Staffs it fell by 15 to 700.

Meanwhile, the overall number of people in work in the West Midlands rose between May and July.

Minister for Employment, Damian Hinds, said: "When it comes to our jobs market, we've made great progress since 2010 with employment up in every region. It's good news in the West Midlands where there's a near record of 2.66 million people in work, a rise of almost 60,000 in the last year alone."

Across the UK the employment rate remained at a record high of 74.5 per cent.

Infamous poisoners are to haunt house

HADEN Hill House will be turned into a haunted house this autumn when theatre company Don't Go Into The Cellar arrives at the venue.

On October 13 The Friends of Haden Hill Estate has invited the theatre company to return to Haden Hill House with Murder by Gaslight, an audience with two of the most infamous poisoners in British history – William Palmer and Harvey Crippen.

The interactive show features lashings of black humour, said Alison Hyatt, visitor services officer at Haden Hill House. Tickets are £7 including light refreshments for performances at 6pm and 8pm.

Then, on November 2, the company moves onto Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery where they will be performing Dracula's Ghost starting at 8pm. It is £6 per ticket.

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Enjoying the proceedings at Haden Hill House Museum and Park, is Hope Smith, aged 14, of Cradley Heath

It was a sea of red, white and blue as flag-waving music lovers flocked to a Proms in the Park event.

Hundreds packed into Haden Hill House Museum and Park in Cradley Heath to hear a feast of live music ranging from jazz to Halesowen Brass Band.

Visitors were able to enjoy a picnic and many got into the Proms spirit by waving Union flags.

Alison Hyatt, visitor services manager at the museum, said: "We have

had an amazing turnout and response. This is the fourth year we have run this event, supported by the friends group who do some great work."

As well as visiting Haden Hill House Museum and Park, people were able to get a rare glimpse inside Haden Old Hall. The hall, which was built around the late-1600s but has parts dating back to the Tudor period, is attached to the house and museum but is seldom open to the public.

The event took place at the weekend as part of Heritage Open Days and as part of Heritage Lottery Funded project 'Best's Angels'.



People listening to Proms in the Park

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Tony Stamp as Poirot with Kevin W Stanley as Hastings and Sophie Waterfield as Barbara in the whodunnit *Black Coffee*

MURDER and mystery will descend on the Black Country as an Agatha Christie classic is performed by a Dudley theatre group this week.

Dudley Little Theatre's production of *Black Coffee*, featuring the famous Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot and his faithful sidekick Hastings, will be taking place nightly at Netherton Arts Centre until Saturday.

Black Coffee was the first mystery that Christie wrote for the stage and

it was first performed in 1930. Audiences will need to be prepared exercise 'the little grey cells' as the whodunnit takes some unexpected turns.

Rebecca Cleo, chairwoman of the group who also stars in the play, said: "People will be left guessing right up until the end on who done it."

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Black Coffee tells the tale of a guest at a country house who is believed to be the thief of a secret formula and then matters take a lethal turn.

Mrs Cleo said: "Rehearsals have been ongoing since June. This will be the third Agatha Christie we have

done as group in 20 years, so it's special to us."

The group were originally formed in 1947 and have since gone on to produce four plays per season at Netherton Arts Theatre.

The Hercule Poirot Tea Parlour within the Emporium at Brierley Hill was used for the casting call photo-shoot.

Tickets are £8 with concessions £7. They can be bought via www.dudleylittletheatre.org website.

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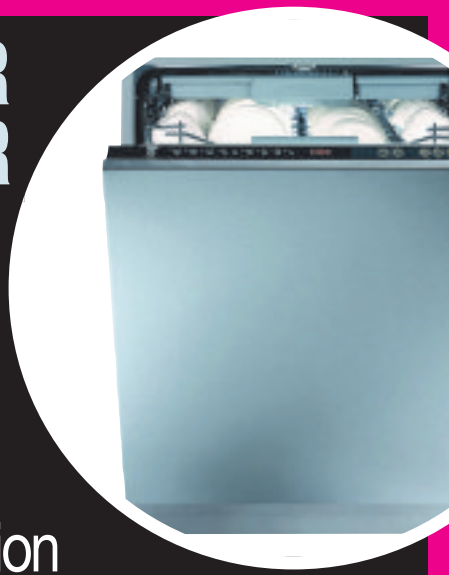
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They were all given their medals by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands, Colonel George Marsh TD, at a special ceremony at Birmingham's Council House in the city centre.

One of those receiving applause was 83-year-old Jean Fletcher from Priory Court, Dudley. Mrs Fletcher currently volunteers one day a week at Mary Stevens Hospice, after working as a nurse until she was 76.

After receiving her BEM for community service, Mrs Fletcher said: "I am very happy to receive the award. I volunteer once a week or when they need me, which I enjoy."

Health

Another Dudley resident to receive the silver medal was Lynne Jankowska, from Wordsley.

The 64-year-old was awarded hers for services to health, being one of Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trusts' longest serving experts.

In her role she has helped to make improvements to the design and delivery of the trust's services.

She said: "I am delighted with the award, it was such a jolly occasion and everybody obviously had been working very hard."

"I never thought I would get a medal for my work. I was amazed really."

The final Dudley resident to receive their award was athlete Shahzada Saleem. Mr Saleem, from Ploverdale Crescent, Kingswinford, is a former stone-lifting champion who also goes by the title King Shazad.

A champion stone lifer from 1985 to 1996, the 51-year-old set up the Shazad Academy after he retired from the sport.

The academy has helped young and



British Empire Medal recipient Jean Fletcher of Dudley with Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Colonel George Marsh TD and Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Mohamed Hanif, and Mayoress Zabeda Khanam



Shahzada Saleem receives his medal

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In 2001 he set up the self-funding Kashmir Youth forum. The voluntary organisation has made a 'significant contribution to community cohesion'.

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Lynne Jankowska with Colonel Marsh

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Isolated communities from Africa to Alaska and those hit by natural disasters that make roads impassable could

benefit from the medical airship programme.

The technology will help diagnose injuries and diseases like cancer. That strikes a personal note with Straightline boss Mike Kendrick, who is recovering after a two-year struggle against cancers detected by medical scanning technology. He wants other cancer victims to have the same opportunity.

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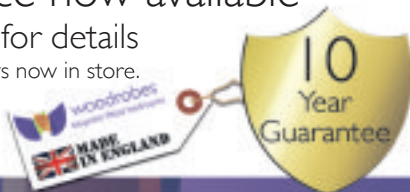



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The unveiling of the Grand's new backcloth with, front, from left, director Vicky Price, committee member Mike Barlow and director Iain Watkins; back, chief executive Adrian Jackson, Friends treasurer Richard Bourne, Friends chairman Gordon Hands and committee member Tony Gull

VISITORS to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre will be seeing stars in their eyes when they visit the Lichfield Street venue thanks to a dazzling new stage backcloth that cost £25,000.

The hi-tech curtains laced with LED lights have been bought by The Friends of the Grand as a major contribution towards the theatre's £11.1 million revamp, which has given the much-loved playhouse a glamorous 1920s ambience.

Treasurer of the Friends committee, Richard Bourne, said: "It is a major as-

piration of the committee to support the theatre in every way possible.

"Our membership which has grown significantly over the last few years and now has associated membership numbers approaching 5,000.

Support

"We are the third largest organisation of its type in the UK. We want to keep growing in order to support the theatre and help chief executive Adrian Jackson and his team bring the best productions to Wolverhampton."

The Friends of the Grand offer a single membership for £21 per year, joint membership at £26, and member benefits include 15 per cent off most ticket prices. Members also get priority booking on most productions and invites to special events.

"It really is a great money saver but also a wonderful way to support your local theatre," added Mr Bourne.

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Volunteers on shortlist

VOLUNTEERS at the Black Country Living Museum have been shortlisted in a new award initiative.

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust have launched a volunteer award scheme for museums in the West Midlands region, funded by Arts Council England.

The West Midlands Volunteer Awards have been created to recognise the significant contribution made by volunteers to the museums in the region. The Black Country Living Museum's community engagement group have been shortlisted in the 'Working Together' category.

Police get tough on drivers over cycle safety

MOTORISTS have been warned to expect a 'zero tolerance' approach as details emerged of plans by West Midlands Police to improve safety for cyclists.

More inconsiderate drivers could see themselves being prosecuted for close passes, as the force aim to

'change driver behaviour and concentrate minds on looking out for vulnerable road users'.

The force's traffic unit has outlined measures it intends to use in a comprehensive blog, called WMP Traffic. The plans come after a review, which found safety campaigns are relatively ineffective compared to prosecutions.

The blog states: "We could make use of social media, press releases, etc, to tell motorists to 'look out' for cyclists, but this has been ongoing with both cyclists and motorcyclists and, although has some positive effect, it doesn't reach the target audience.

"Our time and effort is better spent enforcing the law and prosecuting. Once drivers become aware that an infringement involving a cyclist is one they should expect to be prosecuted for, they suddenly become more aware of them on the road and in turn start giving them the time and space they should lawfully have.

"Drivers need to expect

By Doug Wootton

a zero tolerance approach for any offence involving a vulnerable road user, or an offence that could contribute to a collision involving a vulnerable road user. The only way to change driver behaviour and concentrate minds on looking out for vulnerable road users and change driving habits is through enforcement, and the resulting fear of being prosecuted."

The Traffic Unit plans to put an officer on a cycle in problems areas. The blog adds: "We have a new partnership scheme which will see a traffic officer riding the most vulnerable locations for cyclists looking to instantly act upon close passes, distracted driving and the like.

"The officer when passed too close will let the officer up the road know, who will in turn stop the motorist. The offender will be given a choice, prosecution or 15 minutes spent being educated."

Black Country's best compete for chamber awards

MORE than 30 businesses are in the running for the 2016 Black Country Chamber of Commerce Awards.

The 10 category winners and the overall business of the year will be announced at the awards dinner at Wolverhampton Racecourse on November 18.

Adrian Wright, the chamber president, said: "The judging panel was very impressed with the high standard of award entries."

The full list of finalists is: Best new business: Integrity Surveying, OMG! Online Marketing Growth, Soda Blasting and Write Size. Business services provider of the year: ACUTECH, Discovery ADR Group, Paycare and Thompson AVC. Community champion: Ideal for All, Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, The Haven Wolverhampton and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

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Manby Bowdler and STK Fire and Risk Management. Excellence in manufacturing and engineering: A&M EDM, HF Contracts Furniture, JC Payne (UK) and SHS Products. Exporter of the year: Entec International, Gecko Programmes, Simworx and Write Size.

Innovation and technology award: Rozone, Simworx, Thomas Dudley and Top Marques Insurance. Small business of the year: Cre8 Sales Solutions, Discovery ADR Group, Klick Business Solutions and Redbox Signmakers.

Young person or apprentice: Tom Oakley, Express & Star; Sam Shevyn, Phoenix Calibration & Services; Charlotte Humphreys and Katie Griffiths, Recruit Recruit and Jordan Holloway, The Black Country Living Museum Trust.

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Songwriters showcased at the double

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WOLVERHAMPTON singer-songwriter Dan Whitehouse is currently on tour with his Reveal Records label mate and songwriting hero Boo Hewerdine, adding up to a formidable double bill of talented musicianship.

First up at the delightful small venue, on the third floor of a medieval pub, Whitehouse arrived with a fine new album to promote, *That's Where I Belong*.

Stripped down to voice and electric guitar, the album's songs lost no im-

pact. In fact, they became even more intense given the singer-songwriter's emotive, whole-hearted delivery, particularly *That's Where I Belong*, *You Brought The Sunshine* and, one of his earlier songs, *Why Don't We Dance*.

He was back on stage as Hewerdine's co-guitarist on several songs including the rocking *Sweet Honey In The Rock* and *Muddy Water*.

Former front man of 80s band *The Bible*, Hewerdine can be described as the songwriter's songwriter, spanning genres from pop to folk and back again.

He is also a genial, witty performer whose impressive set included his 'one hit' *Patience of Angels* (it was covered by Eddi Reader) and the free-wheeling *Harvest Gypsies*.

He also showcased *Cinderella*, a song from a musical he is developing with Squeeze's Chris Difford, and a tribute to David Bowie, entitled *Swimming In Mercury*, from a new album due next year.

Catch them if you can at The Kitchen Garden Cafe in Kings Heath on Wednesday, October 5.

Leon Burakowski

Tuffers now spinner of good tales

An Evening with Aggers and Tuffers, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

"TUFFERS, lend us your brain, I want to build an idiot." The words of Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy in the best 'sledding' Phil Tufnell had been on the receiving end of, he says.

Of course, it's easy to forget he was once a cricketer. The 2003 *King of the Jungle* has also had stints on *The Jump* and *Strictly* and is a captain on *A Question of Sport*. All these formed the basis of this stage show with Test Match Special colleague Jonathan Agnew.

A decent spinner, Tuffers can spin a yarn, too. He was on good form with humorous anecdotes of his time *Down Under*, both as a sportsman, and on *I'm A Celebrity*. Video highlights included a clip from *Strictly* to which he still remembered the moves five years on.

Questions were asked by the audience, while Aggers was the perfect foil with stories from his own career as a player and a broadcaster.

Mark Shipp

REVIEWS



The cast of *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Birmingham Rep, with Cathy Tyson far left

Wilde comedy is crisp, witty and delivered at a cracking pace

The Importance of Being Earnest
Birmingham Repertory Theatre

OSCAR Wilde pokes fun at the church, the family and marriage as well as the idleness of the upper class in Victorian England in this comic play.

Director Nikolai Foster uses a disconcerting mirrored set designed to give a contemporary context but sometimes is just a distraction. The costumes are eye-catching but there are some strange anomalies, such as a dress cropped above the knees in a

most un-Victorian way. The casting is superb. The script, full of well-known quotes, is delivered crisply and at a cracking pace.

Cathy Tyson gives a superb performance as Lady Bracknell. It's a haughty and imperious portrayal avoiding the stereotype Edith Evans delivery of that famous 'hand-bag' line. Edward Franklin, as Algernon, and Fela Lufadeju, as John, succeed in their attempts to be Earnest. The play continues at Birmingham Rep until Saturday.

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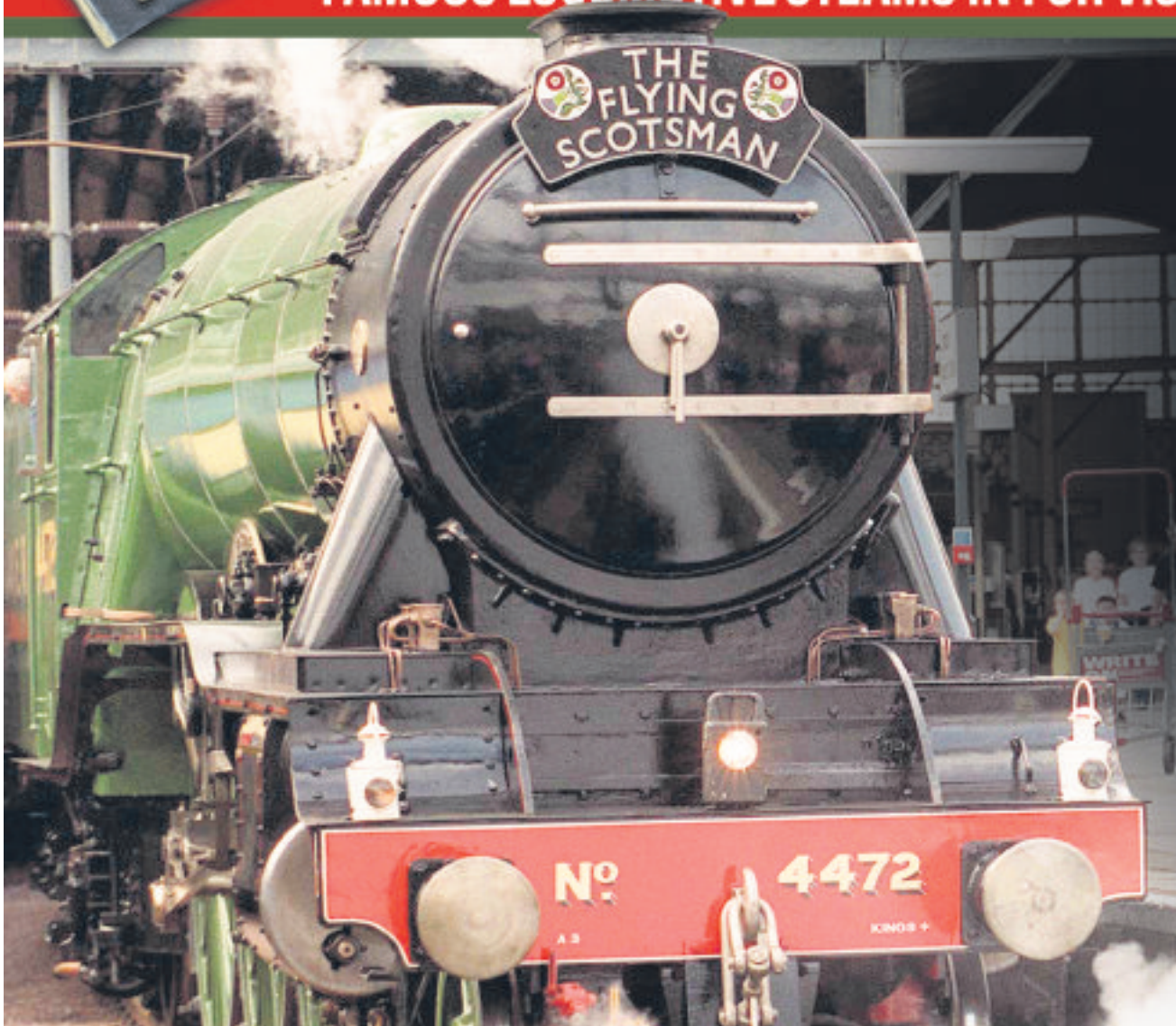
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Another proud moment for SVR

THE majestic Flying Scotsman, the most famous steam engine in the world, returns to the Severn Valley Railway this week for the first time in 22 years.

The mighty locomotive – the first to break the 100mph speed barrier – has undergone a painstaking £4.2m restoration in the intervening years and is looking better than ever.

It attracted thousands of onlookers earlier this year when it made its first public appearance following the refit and has been drawing huge crowds wherever it has travelled since, a testament to its enduring popularity.

Now it is the turn of steam fans in the West Midlands, Shropshire and Staffordshire to get a peek at the historic engine in action.

Globe

It will be another proud moment in the life of the heritage railway which last year celebrated half a century since a group of rail enthusiasts rescued the 101-year-old line from the bulldozer.

Now around 300,000 passengers a year, including visitors from across the globe, are carried on the 16-mile route, placing it among the Midlands' leading tourist attractions.

As one of the most important heritage railways in the UK, it is one of only a handful which will host the Flying Scotsman, the oldest mainline working locomotive on Britain's tracks. It will be joined on its six-day visit by Tornado, the youngest steam train in the UK.

The Flying Scotsman will steam through the valley several times daily from Wednesday until next Monday as part of the heritage railway's Pacific Power event. Some 7,000 tickets to see the trains were snapped up within six hours of them going on sale in April, causing SVR's website to crash within minutes.

Steam fans have been looking forward to seeing the 1920s-built cultural icon for a very long time. At last that moment has arrived.

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Journey of workhorse to national treasure

Locomotive was 'poisoned chalice' for music mogul

1862 – A new service is launched between London and Edinburgh funded by the three rail firms which work the East Coast route.

1923 – Flying Scotsman is built, becoming the first locomotive of the new London & North Eastern Railway.

1924 – The new locomotive becomes the star of the Wembley Empire Exhibitions.

1928 – The first non-stop Flying Scotsman service from London to Edinburgh is launched, slashing the journey from 10hrs 30mins to eight hours.

1929 – It takes centre stage in the first British talking movie, The Flying Scotsman, starring

Ray Milland
1934 – Flying Scotsman becomes the first steam loco to achieve a 100mph run.

1939 – The locomotive is painted black to become a wartime workhorse.

1947 – It is converted into an A3 class locomotive but it suffers from a poor service record when based at Leicester.

1953 – The Scotsman undergoes a number of significant changes, including being converted to left hand drive, in 1959 it gets a double chimney and, two years later, German-style smoke deflectors.

1962 – The train is to be re-launched as a symbol of modern Britain but before the launch at King's Cross it is banished to a tunnel as British Rail feels it gives the wrong message.

1963 – It is rescued by Alan Pegler. Huge crowds see its last run for BR on January 15.

1968 – On the 40th anniversary of the first London-Edinburgh non-stop run, the Flying Scotsman repeats the feat.

1969 – Alan Pegler begins the first-high profile US tour but a second tour proves less successful and after running out of cash the locomotive becomes stranded in America.

1973 – A rescue package is organised by new owner William McAlpine.

1978 – Scotsman is back on the big screen, appearing in the film Agatha alongside Vanessa Redgrave and Dustin Hoffman.

1985 – The train appears in a witty British Rail TV advert.

1988 – Flying Scotsman tours Australia and breaks the world non-stop steam record of 442 miles.

1996 – The locomotive is bought by businessman Tony Marchington. An overhaul takes four years and costs five times more than expected.

1999 – The Scotsman returns to England, travelling between London King's Cross and York, watched by large crowds.

2000 – It appears in the film 102 Dalmatians.

2004 – Another crisis over its ownership, prompts a campaign led by National Railway Museum to save the locomotive.

2006 – A 10-year overhaul gets under way.

2016 – Flying Scotsman rides again



Pete Waterman part-owned the loco

Music promoter Pete Waterman famously described his turn at owning the Flying Scotsman as 'a bit like the Tutankhamun Curse'.

The lifelong train nut and Walsall FC fan worked on the railways long before he launched the famous Stock, Aitken and Waterman music factory that took the charts by storm in the 1980s.

After leaving school, he worked as a steam locomotive fireman at Stafford Road engine shed in Wolverhampton and still talks fondly on the after-dinner circuit of his time there.

And it was thanks to his subsequent

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career as a pop mogul, helping to steer to success the likes of Kylie Minogue, Ricky Astley, Bananarama, Steps and Jason Donovan, that he was able to buy the Flying Scotsman – albeit briefly.

The multimillionaire record boss, who once said 'any locomotive which has sufficient charisma that you can sell pieces of coal off the tender at two quid a time has got to have something going for it', formed a partnership with construction boss Sir William McAlpine

to buy the vintage machine.

He owned a 50 per cent share but like most steam projects it hit the buffers after running into difficulties making the train pay her own way, and he sold it on after just six months.

He later said: "Everyone who's owned it so far has gone bankrupt."

"I only owned it for six months and it didn't half put a dent in my finances. It's a poisoned chalice and it makes people do the stupidest things." The 69-year-old also revealed he received 'hate mail' during his tenure of the Scotsman for repainting it

British Rail green, with many people preferring its more familiar London and North Eastern Railway apple green. Waterman went on to build up a successful locomotive and carriage restoration business at Crewe.

Last year his collection of model trains raised more than half a million pounds at auction, with the money raised going towards training rail apprentices in restoring his full-size steam locomotives.

His scratch-built model trains went on sale in London's Mayfair, with two fetching £100,000 each.

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IT was the first train to reach 100mph and broke two world records before running out of steam with the arrival of the diesel engine. But, by then, it was already a national treasure.

Flying Scotsman was named after the daily London to Edinburgh service which had linked the two capital cities since 1862.

At 10am each day, two trains set off, one from London Kings Cross Station going north and the other from Edinburgh Waverley going south, passing each other roughly halfway.

The service was called the Special Scotch Express but it was nicknamed the Scotchman or the Flying Scotchman.

When a new A1 class of engine, designed by Sir Nigel Gresley, was built in Doncaster in 1923 for the new London & North Eastern Railway (LNER), it was given the official title of Flying Scotsman to publicise the route.

A year later, the name and the locomotive went global after it was put on display at the British Empire Exhibition in London, seen by more than 20 million people, including the youthful Alan Pegler who was later to buy her.

The journey took 10 and a half hours, including a 30-minute stop at York, where passengers would take lunch.

But, in 1928, a new type of tender was installed with a corridor that linked it with the first carriage, meaning a fresh crew could take over halfway through the journey without stopping the train.

On May 1, the first ever non-stop London to Edinburgh service was launched, reducing the journey time to eight hours. The 392.7 mile run was by a wide margin the longest non-stop railway journey in the world.

The much-admired locomotive lived up to its crack reputation in 1934 by clocking up a speed of 100mph on a special test run, officially the first in the UK to have reached that speed although it was claimed by some that the City of Truro, owned by the Great Western Railway, had reached 102mph on a downhill stretch in 1904.

During the Second World War, LNER sponsored two Spitfires named Flying Scotsman, one of many examples of positive PR by the rail com-



Atmospheric – Flying Scotman gets up steam

pany. The British Empire Exhibition had made the locomotive famous, and LNER took full commercial advantage.

The train even took a leading role in the first British talkie movie, the Flying Scotsman, starring Ray Milland, although everyone knew the train was the real star.

During the war, the Scotsman underwent the first of several colour changes. From LNER apple green, it was repainted black, like all railway stock in this period, in order to avoid

detection by overhead bombers. It returned to green when the conflict was over, followed by blue and then a darker British Rail green when train travel in Britain was nationalised in 1948.

During the war, the Scotsman carried troops between London and Scotland, although the headboards and roofboards were removed for security. She carried heavier loads and was worked harder with less maintenance.

During the 1950s, the loco began pulling passenger carriages between Nottingham and Lon-



Champagne moment for Sir Richard Branson

don. By the following decade, steam engines had started to fall out of fashion as developments in locomotive technology produced faster and cleaner trains.

Flying Scotsman was given a retirement date, and it pulled its last scheduled run on January 14, 1963, marking the end of almost 40 years of pulling commercial, scheduled trains, including two million miles in British Rail ownership. Huge crowds turned out to see its last run.

Stories emerged that it was going to be

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Return of the world's most famous train



Flying visit to Wolverhampton in 1999

It is not the first time the legend of steam has come to the Severn Valley Railway but local rail enthusiasts are looking forward more than ever to welcoming it back.

Flying Scotsman made appearances in 1990, 1991 and 1994. A lot has happened since then, including a threat to its existence, but the engine survived and a recent survey saw it top a list of the world's most famous trains.

The locomotive's first visit to the region took place not long after it returned from Australia where it covered 28,000 miles and broke the world

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non-stop steam record. Back home it spent three weekends transporting passengers up and down the line between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth as the star attraction of the railway's Silver Jubilee Steam Spectacular. It returned the following year for the SVR's Autumn Steam Gala.

The Scotsman's visit in October 1994 was the most memorable when the engine's boiler failed during its five-week stay, forcing the SVR to cancel

a weekend of special services although temporary repairs put it back in steam. Repair work was carried out by the railway's own engineering staff for its then co-owner, pop tycoon Pete Waterman.

At the time, the three-week £30,000 job was one of the biggest they had ever undertaken. The famous engine also passed through Wolverhampton and Codsall stations in 1999 on its way to Shrewsbury following a three-year restoration.

David Williams, editor of Severn Valley Railway News, said it would

be good to see the locomotive again. "Because we had associations with the Flying Scotsman before it went out of service and have contributed to its upkeep afterwards, we were one of the few heritage railways offered a visit following its restoration," said Mr Williams.

Last year the Flying Scotsman headed a YouGov poll of the world's best-known trains. People across four continents vote it ahead of India's Rajadani Express, the pride of the Indian railway network, the Orient Express and the Ghan, in Australia.

Facts and figures of legendary locomotive

- 1936** – the year Scotsman designer Nigel Gresley was knighted by King Edward VIII in recognition of his contribution to the industry.
- £7,944** – was the original cost to build Flying Scotsman.
- 70** – its length in feet.
- 96** – its weight in tons.
- 40** – years the Scotsman was in service before being retired with the arrival of the diesel engine.
- £474,619** – the losses announced by Flying Scotsman plc at the 2003 annual general meeting.
- 422** – miles covered by the engine in the record-setting longest ever non-stop run by a steam locomotive.
- 2,500,000** – distance in miles travelled by the locomotive over its life so far, which is the equivalent of the distance from Wolverhampton to the moon and back again, 10 times.
- 100** – speed in miles per hour clocked up by the locomotive in 1934 which set a new world record for steam.
- 15,400** – miles covered by the engine on its tourist tours around the United States and Canada between 1969 and 1973.
- 10.5** – the number of hours it took to travel from London to Edinburgh before a new corridor tender was fitted, cutting travelling time to eight hours.



Edward VIII

an is rolling on



It was the first train to reach 100mph and broke two world records, getting its name after the daily London to Edinburgh service



Delighted owner Tony Marchington in 1996

scrapped, prompting avid railway enthusiast Pegler to step in and save it.

He estimated that with the Flying Scotsman's record-breaking history, it would still attract a lot of attention, even in retirement. So he bought the engine, restored it to its 1930s condition, and in 1969 took it on a high-profile tour of the United States.

After running out of money, Pegler was later forced to file for bankruptcy and the locomotive became stranded in America.

A rescue package to return the Scotsman to the UK was organised by construction boss William McAlpine, now the new owner of the engine. An estimated 100,000 watched it steam from Liverpool to Derby for overhaul.

Before long it was back on the big screen again, this time Agatha alongside Vanessa Redgrave and Dustin Hoffman.

Its new owner organised for Flying Scotsman to take a tour round Australia here it broke the world non-stop steam record of 442 miles, a

journey that included the 297 miles of straight track, the world's longest 'straight.'

In the mid-1990s, pop impresario and steam train fanatic Pete Waterman briefly owned a half-share in the engine but he found the purchase financially draining and reluctantly he and business partner McAlpine sold the loco.

In the years running up to this deal, the engine had deteriorated but wealthy business owner Tony Marchington paid for an overhaul which took four years, far more than expected.

The ageing A3-class train cost him millions and forced him into bankruptcy.

The locomotive was put up for sale and in 2004 a Save Our Scotsman campaign helped raise the £2.5 million purchase price for the National Railway Museum. The public's contribution of £415,000 was matched by Sir Richard Branson and a further £1.8m was given by The National Heritage Memorial Fund. The magnificent locomotive has now undergone a further lengthy and costly restoration.

- ### Campaign
- £4,200,000** – the cost of the Scotsman's recent overhaul.
 - £415,000** – amount raised by the public in the campaign to save the Scotsman for the nation. Entrepreneur Richard Branson donated £365,000 while the National Heritage Memorial Fund gave £1.8 million.
 - 93** – the age of the Flying Scotsman.
 - £200,000** – the estimated cost of the locomotive's overhaul under Tony Marchington's ownership.
 - £1,000,000** – the actual cost of the locomotive's overhaul under Mr Marchington's ownership.
 - 392** – the journey in miles between London's Kings Cross and Edinburgh Waverley at either end of the Flying Scotsman route.
 - £132,000** – the debt run up by first owner Alan Pegler on the Scotsman's US tour. He had to work his passage back to England on a P&O cruise ship, giving lectures about trains and travel.
 - £5** – specially produced coins for 2012 Olympics, one of which featured an engraving of Flying Scotsman on the back.
 - 10** – the amount years it has taken to complete the Scotsman's latest restoration.
 - £3,000** – the target set to rescue the engine in 1963. A Save our Scotsman campaign failed to raise the cash, prompting Alan Pegler to step in.
 - 4472** – Flying Scotsman's original locomotive number

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Taking controls was exhilarating and terrifying at the same time



At the controls – fan David Clifford in 1995

To be in the presence of train royalty is one thing – to sit in the driving seat and take the controls is taking excitement to a whole new level. The day David Clifford drove the Flying Scotsman was a dream come true for the lifelong steam fan.

He had been invited on January 5, 1995, to The Railway Museum at Tyseley, Birmingham, by the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust for the announcement of a new A1 Class locomotive, Tornado, which would be the first new steam locomotive to be built in Britain since 1960.

David Clifford, commercial manager of Lye-based BSD Steel Service Centres, a subsidiary of British Steel which had made the name

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plates and profiled the 50ft long frames for the new train, was there with three colleagues. Attendees were presented with mementoes, including a commemorative bottle of Black Sheep ale, one of only 100 produced, and copies of the plans of the Tornado and the Flying Scotsman.

Mr Clifford, of Himley, Dudley, remembers the day as if it was yesterday. "Despite torrential rain a number of us rushed to the station. Not only did we have a tour, the driver asked if anyone would like to have a drive."

The former train-spotter was the first in

the queue, and After a 20-minute instruction on how to start, drive forward, pick up speed, brake and reverse, they were off. He recalls: "It was exhilarating and frightening at the same time."

Going forward was peculiar – it was difficult to see where I was going as there are no eye-lets on the loco. They'd been blocked up previously due to a health and safety issue.

"I was told to keep going forward and look for a yellow bin marker on side of track and, when spotted, to start braking. We seemed to be going a decent speed and I was looking anxiously for the yellow marker, as I was told that if we passed it the points to the main line would be in wrong direction."

"I braked far too early and got a telling off. However I soon put us in reverse and we headed back to the station. Reversing was amazing as by putting my head out of cabin I could see all that was occurring. Passing over the level crossings was a special experience, seeing children waving to me as I went."

"It was a day that will stay with me forever, a dream come true."

Sadly there were no pictures of his turn at the controls so when Flying Scotsman visited the Severn Valley Railway later the same year, he managed to get on board again and get some photos. And this time made sure there was photographic evidence of his brush with history.

Chance to spot the iconic Scotsman as it flies through

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FOR months steam fans have been studying the scenic Severn Valley landscape to work out the best vantage points to capture Flying Scotsman as she steams up and down the line.

Bosses of the heritage railway have also given thought to the best places to see the locomotive, keen to avoid scenes which saw its inaugural run in February after a 10-year refit halted because of train enthusiasts trespassing on the tracks.

Several farmers along the route have agreed to open their fields to offer extra car parking for train fans eager to get a good look at both the Flying Scotsman and the Tornado in full steam.

The railway runs parallel to the Severn Way, along the river, for much of its journey between Bridgnorth and Bewdley, offering superb vantage points. The Mercian Way cycle route also runs close to the tracks.

A Network Rail spokesman said: "We understand people are excited about seeing the famous locomotives and want to ensure you have a great day out. But the railway is a hazardous environment and we would urge people to use safe vantage points to view and take pictures of the train, stay clear of the line and not be tempted to risk their lives and the lives of others by trespassing on the tracks."

Below is a guide to a number of vantage points along the route that can be reached by public footpaths, cycleways or bridleways, which all offer great views.

Access to Kidderminster, Arley, Highley, The Engine House and Hampton Loade stations will be restricted to ticket-holders only. Free entry to Kidderminster Railway Museum will not be affected. Organisers warn there will be no road access to Hampton Loade or Highley stations during the event.

Parking at Kidderminster is limited to Flying Scotsman and Tornado ticket holders only, while parking at Bridgnorth and Bewdley stations is open to special event ticket holders only. Visitors are strongly advised to use public transport.



Tripods and other intrusive photographic equipment will be banned at stations. Drones must not be operated on or within 50m of Severn Valley Railway property.

Bridgnorth Station

For non-ticket holders there will be access at Bridgnorth Station, if space permits, at £2 per person. The Flying Scotsman will be available for viewing at 9.20am to 12.00pm and 4.00pm to 6.40pm. Tornado can be seen at 12.40pm to 3.30pm and 7.10pm to 7.30pm.

Eardington Nature Reserve

The nature reserve is offering parking facilities between September 21 to 25 only, opening its gates at 8am each day. The reserve is situated two miles south of Bridgnorth on the

B4555 to Highley and lies 100 yards from the railway between Eardington village and Eardington Halt. There is a flat rate daily charge of £3, with the funds going to maintaining the nature reserve. The car park is near a number of public paths overlooking the railway.

Eardington Halt

Eardington Halt will be open between September 22 to 26 only. The station will be offer refreshments and limited parking. An event field for parking opposite Eardington Halt, leading to paths and fields giving excellent views of the railway, will be available from 8am to 8pm for £5 per car.

Hampton Loade

A special field with good views of the rail-

way will be available for £5 per car. The field will host a barbecue, hog-roast and ice cream stall. Toilet facilities will be provided. Access to the Severn Way and Mercian Way is also available from this location.

Severn Valley Country Park

The country park at Highley and Alveley will be providing pay-and-display parking on both the Highley and Alveley sides of the river between 8am to 8pm, for £2 a day. The Alveley side of the river offers toilets and a tea-shop. On September 25 and 26, a minibus will run between the river and the tea-shop.

Coombys Farm

An event field for parking between Highley and Arley, leading to paths and fields giving

good views of the railway will be available from 8am to 8pm for £5 per car. Access to the car park is via a private lane.

Severn Lodge

A field between Highley and Arley, leading to footpaths and fields giving views of the railway and river will be opened for £5 per car from 8am to 8pm. Access is via a country lane; toilet facilities will be provided. There is access to the Severn Way from here.

Arley

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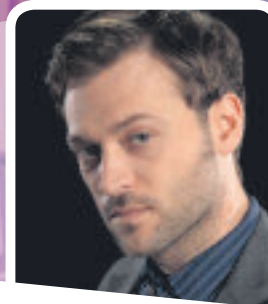
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Rhydian on stage is still X-tra special

CLASSICAL crossover star and former X Factor finalist Rhydian will play sadistic dentist Orin Scrivello in Little Shop of Horrors at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre next week after a run this week, to Saturday, at Lichfield Garrick.

Welsh baritone Rhydian (Roberts), a former Birmingham Conservatoire student, was runner-up to Leon Jackson in the 2007 series of The X Factor.

But Rhydian was the real winner, going on to sell more than a million albums worldwide, release six albums in total and performing with some of the biggest names in the music industry. He also carved himself a career in hit musicals. His many musical theatre credits include Grease, We Will Rock You, The War Of The Worlds, Jesus Christ Superstar and the 40th anniversary tour of The Rocky Horror Show. He was a Classical Brit Award nominee.

Platinum

With his distinctive platinum hair, pale complexion, chiselled features and ripped body, he looks like a Bond movie villain, all bulging biceps, rippling abs and a washboard stomach.

He wants to make music that people remember and star in shows that send the punters home happy and be recognised for his work, rather than X Factor associations.

"I make no bones about it, X Factor was very important to me. I wouldn't be a star of the show, in inverted commas, if I hadn't been on that and wasn't recognisable," he said.

"It has fast-tracked my career. But I would have done these things anyway, with or without X Factor. Per-



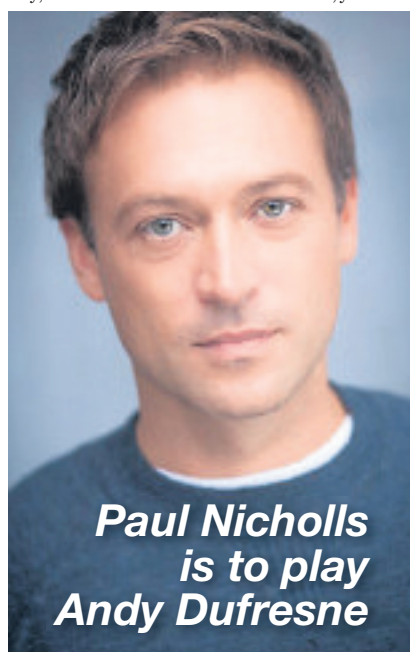
Former Birmingham music student Rhydian as the dentist in Little Shop of Horrors

forming is my vocation. I had to have a certain quality to get through the rounds. X Factor isn't easy, let me tell you. You have to toe the party line and sell your soul to the devil a little bit. I knew what I was getting into.

"But even if X Factor opens the door, you have to turn it in night after

night to get hired. I wouldn't get the gigs if I didn't turn it in."

See Rhydian's wicked Skid Row dentist as he takes on nerdy Seymour the florist's man-eating plant in comedy-musical Little Shop of Horrors at the New Alexandra from Tuesday to Saturday (www.atgtickets.com).



Paul Nicholls is to play Andy Dufresne

Shaw-fire play success

EASTENDERS heart-throb Paul Nicholls, best known for playing Joe Wicks, will have a starring role when The Shawshank Redemption arrives at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next week.

The production is adapted from Stephen King's novella Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption, which was made into the 1994 film, The Shawshank Redemption.

The movie, which has been voted as the nation's favourite film, starred Tim Robbins as Andy Dufresne and Morgan Freeman as Ellis 'Red' Redding and was nominated for seven Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Actor for Freeman.

Paul Nicholls will play Dufresne in the stage version. His other TV credits include Grantchester, Law & Order: UK and The C Word.

He is also an accomplished stage actor who made his West End debut in Long Day's Journey Into Night and has acted at several leading playhouses in London.

Ben Onwukwe, who takes on the role of Red, boasts a 30-year stage career. His most prominent TV role was as Stuart 'Recall' McKenzie in London's Burning, a character he played for over a decade.

Keeping them in line, Jack Ellis will play the part of Warden Stamas. He is best known for his role as prison warden Jim Fenner in the ITV television series Bad Girls, in which he appeared for seven series.

The Shawshank Redemption will be at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday. Call the box office on 01902 429212.

Showcases for the songwriters

IT'S a great week for catching some fine singer-songwriters in action, including Beth Orton at the O2 Institute 2 in Digbeth on Wednesday. That's the same night quirky Welsh maverick Meilyr Jones is at The Rainbow's Courtyard venue nearby.

Fuzzy California slacker pop comes from Colleen Green and Cassie Ramone at the Hare & Hounds in Kings Heath on Sunday, when nearby at the Kitchen Garden Cafe the enigmatic Jane Siberry will perform. Stay With Me Til Dawn singer Judy Tzuke is at the Robin 2 on Wednesday and the Bilston venue has a tribute to Carole King and James Taylor on Thursday.

Twist and crawl with English Beat

LACE up your boots and rev up the scooter, there's a feast of ska on the way. The English Beat, featuring Brummie singer-guitarist Dave Wakeling, will be reviving hits such as Mirror In The Bathroom, Twist And Crawl and Tears Of A Clown, at Bilston's Robin 2 tomorrow night (Friday). But it clashes with London ska-punk outfit Popes of Chillitown at Wolverhampton venue The Slade Rooms, also tomorrow night.

There will be more ska at the Robin the following Friday with eight-piece band The Superskas. But if you fancy some classic rock, The Counterfeit Stones play the Robin this Saturday.

Chart-toppers in sold out Brum gig

GIG of the week is at the O2 Institute in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday) where Stockport band Blossoms, who went to no1 with their self-titled debut album, have sold out.

Other highlights include Rat Boy at the same Digbeth venue on Saturday, also the night that Merseysider Natalie McCool, whose indie-pop album The Great Unknown is out now, plays the Sunflower Lounge in Birmingham.

Danish band Yung are at the Hare & Hounds in Kings Heath on Tuesday and up-and-coming girl band The Tuts play the same pub venue on Wednesday.

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Abducting Zoe, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A detective tries to help a sixteen-year-old in the search for her kidnapped baby. Crime drama, starring Sammi Hanratty, Alexandra Holden and Andrea Bowen. (2014)

TUESDAY

Kidnapped: Desperate Hours, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An American wife's world is turned upside down when her husband, the son of a Mexican newspaper publisher, is kidnapped. Drama, starring Teri Polo, Esai Morales and Nicholas Gonzalez. (2011)

WEDNESDAY

A Daughter's Nightmare, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A grieving widow finds a shoulder to cry on in the form of a charming male nurse, but when her health subsequently begins to fail, her daughter embarks on a dangerous search for the truth about her illness. Drama, starring Emily Osment, Paul Johansson and Victoria Pratt. (2013)



Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

THURSDAY

The Cheating Pact, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Three high school students convince a shy but intelligent girl to take the college entrance test for them. After she gets a low score on one of the tests, she dies in mysterious circumstances, leaving the trio as suspects in her demise. Daniela Bobadilla, Laura Ashley Samuels and Laura Wiggins star. (2013)

FRIDAY

The Good Witch's Charm, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Newly elected mayor Cassandra Nightingale struggles to balance her political responsibilities with raising a newborn baby. Fifth in the Good Witch family drama series, starring Catherine Bell. (2012)

Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome, ITV, 10.40pm

The warrior pitches up in the city of a cut-throat desert community in search of his stolen vehicle and ends up making a deal with a local dictator to get rid of her rival for power. But when the bargain turns sour, he is cast out into the wilderness – where he becomes the unlikely protector of a tribe of feral youngsters. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Mel Gibson. (1985)

New series hopes to make a good impression

What do an Eastern European internet bride, a self-obsessed glamour model trying to rid herself of cellulite, a teenage 'special needs' boy who interviews celebrities and Pippa Middleton all have in common?

They are just some of the roles that hugely talented Morgana Robinson has played since her small screen debut nine years ago.

And with that kind of versatility it will come as no surprise that the 34-year-old Australian-born comic has ended up plying her trade in the world of celebrity impressions.

"I'm not very good at being me," she told The Daily Telegraph just before her appearance on The Great Sport Relief Bake Off earlier this year.

"I like to hide behind a character, in a wig or something, and be judged like that instead of as myself."

"I've always been a clown – I love being stupid."

"You can relate to them [impressions] immediately, you don't have to invest any time in the character, and when someone

highlights something about someone that you didn't see, it's a bit of a revelation."

Morgan got her showbiz break back in 2007 playing the aforementioned internet bride in BBC comedy The Green Green Grass.

She then starred in the TV pilot Eight Steps to Enlightenment and a Nervous Breakdown, an improvised mockumentary. Then in 2009 she appeared in another hit BBC comedy My Family, before starring in a running sketch segment (Gilbert's Special Report) in The TNT Show.

In 2010, Channel 4 commissioned The Morgana Show, before another sketch show Very Important People also starring Terry Mynott, in which she impersonated a variety of celebrities, including Frankie Boyle, Danny Dyer, Amy Childs and Adele.

Her performance earned her the Best Comedy Breakthrough Artist award at the 2012 British Comedy Awards.

Earlier this year, Robinson starred as the Duchess of Cambridge in The Windsors, a comedy parody of the

royal family, and tonight, Morgana Robinson's The Agency begins.

It is a brand-new seven-part series in which she plays the entire celebrity roster of leading talent agent Vincent Mann (of Mann Management), with Linda Hargreaves playing off Robinson in various roles.

In a groundbreaking move, Vincent has allowed a documentary crew into his agency, and given them access to the likes of Miranda Hart, Natalie Cassidy, Russell Brand, Joanna Lumley, Gregg Wallace, Mel and Sue, Danny Dyer and Adele.

In this first episode we are introduced to Vincent as he deals with Miranda Hart's burning desire to be taken more seriously as an actor and Danny Dyer's diversification into children's literature.

Morgana's characters have come in for a bit of criticism in the past. However, the comic strenuously defends all her creations, and doesn't have any such concerns about poking fun at celebrities in this new show.

"I don't think my impressions are nasty, they're celebratory," she insists.



Morgana Robinson's The Agency, Monday, BBC2, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Extreme Food

Channel 4, 8pm

New series. Kenyan chef Kiran Jethwa heads to Mongolia, where he joins the Kazakh eagle hunters on horseback on a quest for wild rabbit. His adventure begins in the town of Ulgii in Mongolia's westernmost province, where he sees a potentially explosive form of pressure-cooking called Boodog, involving an entire butchered sheep, and he also creates a mouth-watering rabbit pie, using his own improvised mini-pressure cooker to prepare the meat before serving it up with a nut crumble topping.

Trump vs Clinton Live: US Presidential Debate

Channel 4, 1.45am

New series. Matt Frei presents live coverage of the first of three showdowns in which Democrat nominee Hillary Clinton and her Republican counterpart Donald Trump go head to head, with both candidates taking to the stage knowing their performance may well determine who will become the next president of the United States. Billionaire Trump takes on former US secretary of state Clinton at Hofstra University on Long Island, New York, debating major topics selected by a

moderator, with the pair having two minutes to talk about each issue and a chance to respond to what the other says.

TUESDAY

Damned

Channel 4, 10pm

Given her acclaimed work in sitcoms such as Getting On and Going Forward, there was little wonder Jo Brand was given a green light to co-write and star in this new series. With the aid of fellow scribes Morwenna Banks and Will Smith (not that one), this new comedy centres on long suffering Children's Services social workers at Elm Heath council. In the first episode, Nitin, an ex-copper, is tasked with spying on the rest of the team. The excellent supporting cast includes Ms Banks, Alan Davies, Kevin Eldon, Himesh Patel and Aisling Bea.

WEDNESDAY

Grand Designs

Channel 4, 9pm

Kevin McCloud follows Matt and Sophie White from Sussex as they build a giant family house



The Fall, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

of fun for themselves and their children. Going against the norm of designing a serious and practical home, the couple's property features a revolving bookcase door, secret dens, hiding places, one-way mirrors, and a fireman's pole. Matt uses a steel frame system to allow them to change the layout of the property, and other changes include amending the window shapes and sizes, and adding a half floor to create a James Bond room.

THURSDAY

The Fall

BBC2, 9pm

The eagerly awaited third series of Allan Cubitt's gripping crime drama is here at last – but what does fate have in store for the chillingly handsome serial killer Paul Spector and his nemesis, Detective Superintendent Stella Gibson? At the end of

the previous run, Spector had been caught by the police but shot by jealous husband James Tyler, and when we pick up the story, medics are fighting to save the murderer's life. News of the shooting hits the headlines, and the press and police bosses waste no time criticising Stella's handling of the case – despite the fact that she got her man. Spector's young acolyte Katie also hears the news, and as she begins trying to format a way to help her idol, his wife, Sally Ann, attempts to explain what has happened to her young children. Richard Coyle and Aisling Bea join the cast alongside Jamie Dornan and Gillian Anderson.

FRIDAY

Travel Man: 48 Hours in Helsinki

Channel 4, 8.30pm

Time-conscious traveller Richard Ayoade is joined by actor Paul Rudd for a brisk romp round the Finnish capital. To get their bearings the pair head straight to the ladies toilet in the Torii hotel, which offers the best view of the city. They then go kayaking and snack on some reindeer jerky at the city's Hakaniemi market. Richard and Paul also visit not one, but two saunas – one of which can be found in a well-known burger chain. The duo also visit the wilderness island of Seuraasaari, go foraging, and finish up in a sweet shop.

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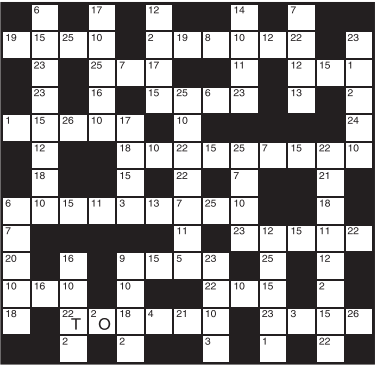
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

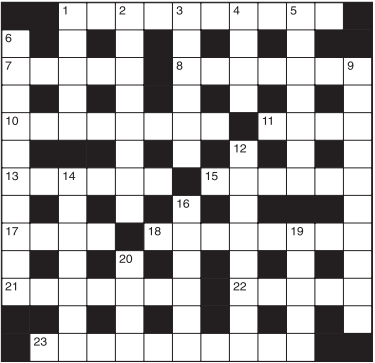
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Completely, even if, in short, only approximately (10)
- 7. Gather a lot together in the morning on a ship (5)
- 8. Beware the sentinel! (4-3)
- 10. Magic from the bowler? (3-5)
- 11 & 3Dn. Time when voice gives out amongst a lot of sheep (4,1,5)
- 13. So many with less feeling (6)
- 15. Telephone now the arena has been erected (4,2)
- 17. Implied one missed diplomacy (4)
- 18. Takes off weight in a flash? (8)
- 21. Golf-club given by pensive writer? (7)
- 22. Fat microbe seen in it (5)
- 23. How the chief speaks in the graveyard (10)

Down

- 1. Drink the health of a saint? (5)
- 2. Sees that the old boy hits the ball first (8)
- 3. See 11 Across
- 4. Increase go-ahead line (4)
- 5. Appearing indistinctly when working at weaving machine? (7)
- 6. Capital amount of laundry? (10)
- 9. Does wrong by obtaining most French exam successes (10)
- 12. Of noble mountain stock? (4-4)
- 14. Horse goes round taxi - gruesome! (7)
- 16. Gate - one of three consecutive ones in (6)
- 19. No odds? (5)
- 20. Relations dunderhead finds sympathetic (4)



Quick Clues:

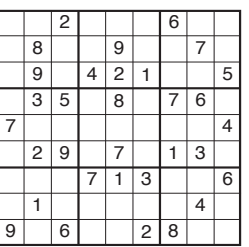
Across

- 1. Combine (10)
- 7. Elevate (5)
- 8. Cultivation (7)
- 10. Traveller (8)
- 11. Uncivil (4)
- 13. Collision (6)
- 15. Decline (6)
- 17. Cupid (4)
- 18. Arbiter (8)
- 21. Defraud (7)
- 22. Motionless (5)
- 23. Contrition (10)

Down

- 1. Friendliness (5)
- 2. Suspension (8)
- 3. Collect (6)
- 4. Masculine (4)
- 5. Vilify (7)
- 6. Muscularity (10)
- 9. Voters (10)
- 12. Editing (8)
- 14. Supply (7)
- 16. Fault (6)
- 19. Subject (5)
- 20. Rim (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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5	1	7	9	3	4	6	2	8
9	3	2	5	6	8	4	1	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Cowboys; 7 Stain; 9 Tip; 10 Exchanges; 12 Chiropract; 15 Under canvas; 17 Battle-cry; 19 Gin; 21 Again; 22 Counter. Down: 1 Tonic; 2 Ebb; 3 Lynx; 4 Stone-deaf; 5 Disease; 8 Chopin; 11 Chieftain; 13 Racket; 14 Enlarge; 16 Tides; 18 Riot; 20 And. QUICK - Across: 6 Refrain; 7 Diary; 9 Hit; 10 Reverence; 12 Paradoxical; 15 Break the ice; 17 Affronted; 19 Ray; 21 Remit; 22 Produce. Down: 1 Begin; 2 Dry; 3 Size; 4 Timepiece; 5 Crucial; 8 Remove; 11 Maladroit; 13 Attend; 14 Proffer; 16 Fancy; 18 Earn; 20 Ode.

Thinking space



Quiz

- 1. Which hills range from Bristol to Chipping Camden?
- 2. Which biological divisions include Animalia, Plantae and Fungi?
- 3. Which athlete set six world records in less than an hour in 1935?
- 4. How many kings called James has Scotland had?
- 5. For what is epistaxis the technical term?

- 6. Pico de Orizaba is the highest mountain in which country?
- 7. Which author is best known for Shogun?
- 8. Which legendary figure is said to have been born at Tintagel?
- 9. In which US state is Detroit?
- 10. Who was the last Norman king of England?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Leo; 2 Richard Cromwell; 3 Fig; 4 Ballet; 5 Goodwood; 6 Friedrich Engels; 7 1936; 8 Gold; 9 India; 10 Jesuit priest. Niner: UNEARTHLY

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32145 gives a wine,
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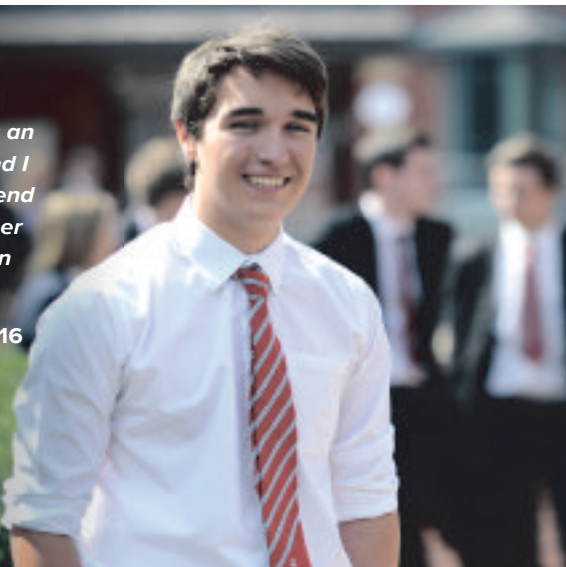
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Batteries get more power in BMW i3

By James Fosdyke

At first glance, it's just another i3, and if you look at the oily bits underneath you'd still be hard-pushed to spot the difference, but this i3 has a secret that's quite literally been tucked away under the carpet.

As ever, there's a bank of batteries in the car's floor, but the 94Ah suffix denotes the amount of power those batteries can store. Whereas the standard i3 only holds 60Ah, the 94Ah model holds half that much again, and that means the range has increased by 50 per cent to 195 miles. If you go for the version with the petrol-powered range extender, though, BMW says you'll be looking at squeezing 276 miles from a single charge.

But despite the extra range, the new battery fits in exactly the same box as its predecessor, so there's no visible difference. In fact, BMW will even let you swap out an old 60Ah battery and replace it with a 94Ah one. It's a quick job – BMW say it's around an hour and a half's work – but it is costly. Including tax, the German company estimates it'll set you back around 9,000 Euros (about £7,600).

The i3's looks have always been divisive, but even its biggest critics wouldn't hesitate to call it striking. Even though it makes very little in the way of noise, it's a car people will still turn around to look at.

Inside, it continues the left-field look, but it's strong on its environmental credentials. The plastics on the dashboard and door cards, for example, are made from plant fibres, and there's any number of recycled bits and bobs lurking in other areas. Whether they love it or hate it, whoever comes along for a ride will certainly have an opinion.

For all the i3's technology, it isn't actually that practical a car. Although it's tall – it's actually about the size of a high-riding Ford Fiesta – the boot measures just 260 litres, so it's less than you'll find in the back of a VW Polo.

There's plenty of headroom in the rear, though, and even if the legroom is a little limited, access is made simple by the so-called 'suicide' rear doors. They can only be opened after the front doors, and they open the other way, meaning there's no B-pillar to obstruct you as you try to get in or out.

Range

With the extra power capacity, the 94Ah i3 certainly offers an extended range. The quoted 195-mile striking distance is probably a tad ambitious, especially if your right foot becomes leaden or you try keeping up with traffic on a motorway, but you shouldn't have too much trouble getting 140 or perhaps 150 miles from it.

If you do get the urge to bury your right foot in the bulkhead, though, you'll find there's no improvement in performance, but then the i3 never has been a slouch. The sprint from 0-62mph takes 7.3 seconds – much the same as a Mazda MX-5 – and the buckets of torque produced by the electric motor make it feel even faster.

Through the corners, its height and front-wheel drive layout make it roll and understeer if you get a bit too enthusiastic, but the trade-off is ride quality. It's a comfortable machine, with suspension that's firm without being jarring, and soft seats that offer more support than you'd expect just from looking at them.

Prices start from £27,830, including the government's £4,500 grant, but if you can't get the money out of Ms May – for whatever reason – you'll be looking at a bill for about £32,000. Opt for the range extender, and that will rise to more than £35,000. Whichever way you cut it, that's a lot of money.

But considering that the i3's closest rival, the top-of-the-range Nissan LEAF, is only a couple of thousand pounds more expensive, but is far less of a premium product and has a shorter range, it looks like relatively good value.

The i3 is a great second car for anyone who regularly drives into the city centre, but even with the extra range, it's of limited use as a tourer. Still, if you want a nippy, environmentally friendly hatchback to complement your main set of wheels, but don't want to sacrifice the premium feel, BMW has built the car for you.



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Megane's freshened up range pleasing

By Ian Donaldson

EVER heard of the Renault Talisman? Thought not; you're only likely to see one if you venture across the Channel or, perhaps cruise past the French embassy in London.

For the Talisman, successor to the old Laguna, is not sold here. Too big for Britain, you see, where our larger cars need posher badges to sell. But the Talisman plays an important part in a car very much on sale here, and crucial to the continuing better fortunes of Renault in the UK.

Say hello to the new Renault Megane, a core vehicle in the French car maker's sales ledger on our side of the Channel and now presented in its fourth generation for our delight.

Bolder looking (much, and elegantly stylish too), the new Megane is longer and lower than before but, thankfully for our crowded streets, precisely the same modest width as before. The wheels, with up to a sporty 18ins alloy rim available, are set further apart front and rear and across the body too, again helping the newcomer look energetically athletic.

Night and day, you are helped to notice the new Megane with rows of permanently lit LEDs at front and rear, which the designers say helps make the car look wider (they always like that). They will also like an interior that cuts down on buttons to the extent that just about any adjustments outside cabin temperature are handled by taps on a touchscreen whose generous size dominates the centre of the dash and adds an expensive feel; not quite in Tesla territory but the Megane inhabits a much more affordable part of the market.

Prices start at £16,600 and top out at £25,500 (for the moment) for a range that takes in four engines; a couple of diesels with 110 or 130 horsepower and a pair of petrol models, offering 130hp or – in the current range topper – a 205 horsepower GT with auto gears and a bit of attitude.

Later this year a Sport Tourer estate joins the five-door hatch and 2017 sees a low emissions hybrid diesel/electric version and a pure diesel with two turbos and a healthy 165 horsepower.

Platform

Helping the new Megane feel grown up are front seats from the car mentioned at the top of this story – the car you've never heard of. In fact the Talisman donates much more than that to the common cause, including its engines and other oily bit you don't see.

Most important of all is the platform the car is built on. Again invisible to car buyers, this complicated piece of pressed, folded and welded metal costs billions to develop and sharing its start up investment makes everything more affordable. You will find it under most current and forthcoming Renault cars and lots of Nissans too, thanks to the 'strategic partnership' between the two giant automakers.

Bits that you can see that cost sharing has made more affordable are electronic features like a control centre letting you access everything from navigation (a TomTom system that is notably clear and easy to use) to phone, apps and radio.

Posher Meganas have a bigger touchscreen that mimics a smartphone or tablet with pinch and zoom movements, although these are best managed on smoother roads.

Depending on precise model you can use what Renault calls Multi-Sense technology to change, among other things, engine throttle response, steering weight, engine sound... even the hue of the interior lighting, perhaps opting for sporty red, eco green or comfort blue.

The new Megane has already taken a top marks five star safety rating in the official Euro test and Renault offers a full suite of driver assists from adaptive cruise control, through lane departure warning to overspeed prevention that reads traffic signs via a camera and slows you down to the legal limit. You can switch this and many other systems off if you're not in the mood.

First out driven was the £20,400 Dynamique S Nav dCi 110 diesel made a good initial impression, with much improved cabin quality over the old model and a cleanly minimal feel to everything. Pulled well, too, and went quietly about the business of moving you about.

It was a quiet place to spend a couple of hours, though, and a trip computer showing 53.5mpg at journey's end promised an economical time for a longer term owner.

Jumping into the reigning flagship, a £25,500 GT Nav 205 EDC and tackling some demanding moorland roads (when the dozy sheep retreated far enough) produced more smiles than before, even if 27.3mpg was less cheering.

Much more supportive front seats, a generally well behaved automatic dual-clutch six-speed gearbox and healthy dose of power turned the fun dial from four to eight - Renault will surely produce a turn-to-eleven version in due course.

The petrol engine stayed quiet and well mannered and the ride stayed the right side of too firm, with crisp steering – aided by the rear tyres doing some of the turning via a four-wheel steering system that felt over-eager to start with - making this fastest new Megane (so far) a fine introduction to the fresh faced range.



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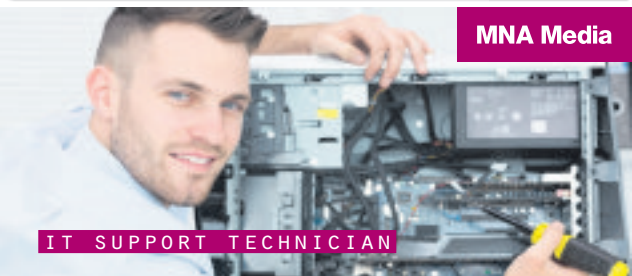
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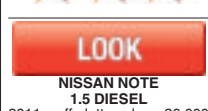
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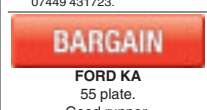
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Members of TP Riley-Norton Canes Badminton Club with chairman Chris Finch, right



Founding members Inez Edwards, Trevor Appleton and his wife Ros

Badminton aces still call the shots 40 years on

FOUR decades and a number of different homes later, TP Riley-Norton Badminton Club is still going strong.

Despite the popularity of the sport decreasing over the years, members of the club based at Erasmus Darwin Academy in Chasetown still get together every week, with five teams competing in the South Staffordshire Badminton League.

Formed on May 4, 1976, the club is fresh from celebrating its 40th anniversary and is far from done.

Chris Finch has been a member since 1986 and chairman for the best part of a decade. Founder members Ros Appleton and her husband Trevor, Inez Edwards and Kevin Gittus are all still involved as well.

"The competitive side of badminton, league badminton, has been declining for the last 10 to 15 years," said Finch.

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"It's all over the country, but I think we're the only club with five teams in the South Staffordshire Badminton League.

"We have three mixed teams. All three mixed teams were in Division One last season and that's the first time a club has had that many in the history of the league.

"We have a men's team who did well but finished second to Aston Villa, who are largely made up of Warwickshire county players.

"The ladies finished second in their league but there were only three teams, so everybody played each other four times.

"Next season, we are not sure whether there will be a ladies' league but they will still be able to play in the mixed league and the men's league as well if they wish."

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By Joe Edwards

"The competitive side of badminton, league badminton, has been declining for the last 10 to 15 years."

Going back to the late 70s, the club started out as Furzebank Badminton Club as it was based at Furzebank Community School, now called Willenhall E-ACT Academy.

To begin with, they had just one team in Division Seven of the South Staffordshire Badminton League but over time that number grew to 11, competing in both the SSBL and Stafford & District League, with some members also playing for other sides in the Cradley and Worcestershire leagues.

On September 12, 1990, the club moved to TP Riley Community School in Bloxwich and hence changed its name to TP Riley Badminton Club.

After 14 fruitful years there, the club had to move again due to the school becoming Walsall Academy and set up temporarily at a host of venues including Bloxwich Leisure Centre.

Ten years ago, they settled at Erasmus Darwin and in 2008 merged with Norton Canes Badminton Club to become TP Riley-Norton.

Some of Norton's longest-serving members such as Sue Benton, Paul Burton, Andy Reaney, Matt Brookes and Jonathan Hassall are still playing, with other members competing in the County and County

Veterans leagues. While many have stayed loyal to the club, there has been a lot of effort to get more youngsters through the ranks but with limited success.

"We have tried on quite a few occasions over the years to promote junior badminton," said Finch.

"We have done it time and time again but it never seems to generate the sorts of numbers you would think.

"What surprises people, though, is that the standard is very high. We get people aged around 25 to 30 enquiring all of the time and we'll ask 'have you played before?'

"They will be like 'I have played with my mates' then they come along and realise the standard we have here.

"We have got a few young guys who have been here for several months now and they're coming on well and pushing towards being in the men's team.

Enjoy

"We'd like more youngsters to come along through the summer. At our place we have four courts and through the summer there's usually a couple free, so we'd like them to come down and give it a try."

Competing in the SSBL with TP Riley-Norton are Cannock, Wolverhampton-based sides Tiki and Novus, and Three Spires from Lichfield.

Finch insists the members enjoy it as much as ever and there are plans in place to ensure the club keeps moving forward.

"All the club members are friends, we are mates, we love our badminton and then going for a drink together afterwards," he added.

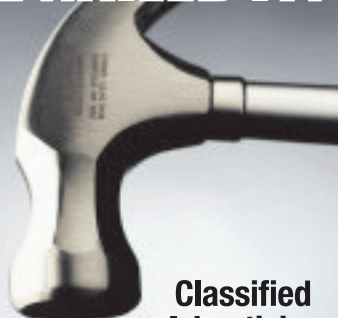
"I'm still playing, and I'm 69, but I can't say I will personally be playing much longer.

"We all love the sport, that's why we are here still. There's a magical feeling you get when you're playing."



Linzi Kernick from Cannock, who has represented England

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Honours are even in the derby match

Stourbridge 2 Halesowen Town 2
LUKE Benbow saved Glassboys from their early horror show in a frenetic Black Country barnstormer at Ambicote on Monday night.

Lee Chilton and Kyle Morrison put Halesowen two up inside five minutes but after Glassboys' boss Gary Hackett sacrificed Joe Hull and switched to a flat back four on 23 minutes, the hosts dominated and were level by the 56th minute thanks to Benbow's double.

Shell-shocked Yeltz creaked for the rest of the match and had 'keeper Dan Platt to thank for a share of the spoils.

Chilton latched on to a loose ball in the box to ram under Matt Gould from close range with 62 seconds on the clock. Stunned Stour were two down when Chilton's fierce corner was thumped home by Kyle Morrison at the far post.

Kaiman Anderson looped agonisingly over for Halesowen, who had a credible penalty appeal waved away when Jordan Goddard's stinging shot appeared to be handled in the box.

The tide turned with Stourbridge reducing the deficit with a penalty. Aaron Griffiths was punished for a tangle with Darryl Westlake and Benbow rifled home. The hosts levelled 11 minutes after the restart when Benbow was released after a quick throw to blast inside Platt's left post from 20 yards.

Stour went for the jugular with Chris Lait denied one-on-one by the feet of Platt. The Yeltz custodian then produced a flying one-handed stop from Green's point-blank header and repeated his antics from Leon Broadhurst's effort.

Stourbridge have been handed a trip to Evo-Stik League Premier Division rivals Ilkeston, in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup, after a 2-1 win at Mickleover. Halesowen, who beat Belper 1-0, face either fellow Evo-Stik Premier clubs Nantwich Town or Marine.

Chess club caused upsets against strong rival teams

STOURBRIDGE chess teams caused upsets by defeating higher graded teams.

In Wolverhampton League division 1, the firsts played at Telford. Stourbridge were considerably outgraded on the top 4 boards but stood a chance on boards 5 and 6. As it was Eric Horwill on board 5 and Paul Sharritt on board 4 both won.

The top 3 boards all played well to draw with board 1 Nic Fallowfield and board 3 Julie Wilson both having winning chances but offered draws to give Stourbridge the match. The final result was 2½ - 3½ to Stourbridge. This was a surprising two points which will be very valuable at the end of the season.

Also on Wednesday, the Dudley division 2 team started their campaign at home against Halesowen. This team is giving chances to the lower graded players so SCC played without their top players. Halesowen were not adopting the same policy and brought a strong team, including the formidable Andy Ambrose on board 1. But Jeremy Humphries gained the upper hand over him and Stourbridge went on to win the match 2½-1½.

Edwards wins club men's singles title



From left, mixed doubles finalists Katy Piller, Adam Tranter, Dave Edwards, Amy Fellows

WOLLASTON Lawn Tennis Club produced another day of superb tennis as members competed in Saturday's finals day of its 2016 Annual Club Championships with eight adult finals and five Junior finals contested at Prestwood Drive.

Dave Edwards won the men's singles beating last year's champion Adam Tranter 6-4, 6-4. The ladies' singles final was won by Margaret Kodz who now holds two singles titles after winning 6-4 in the deciding set to first-time finalist Jane Fox.

The men's doubles was won by last year's runners up Adam Tranter and Noah Crampton, who beat Colin Brown and Richard Such 6-4, 6-4. The

Tennis

ladies' doubles was won again by Hannah Didlock and Yvonne Tivey, overcoming fellow Ladies A team mates Katy Piller and Becky Yates in a straight sets win.

The mixed final saw Dave Edwards and Amy Fellows triumph over Adam Tranter and Katy Piller in a deciding set.

In the Plate tournament Shaun Ryger took the men's singles final 6-3, 6-3 against Paul Adams. They also teamed up to take the men's doubles Plate.

Heathens book place in play-offs

RESILIENT Cradley booked their place in the end of season play-offs with an impressive 53-37 home win over high-flying Kent.

Heathens wrapped up the points with a dominant end to a thrilling encounter. Ashley Morris got his night off to a winning start before a crucial early 5-1 from the reserves gave Heathens the lead. Ben Basford was quick away from the tapes but a determined ride from Bradley Andrews saw him work his way from the back and blast around Kent's Danno Verge on the run to the line.

Ex-Heathens favourite Tom Perry, who was guesting for injured Luke Chessell, had an impressive first ride back in the red, green and white race jacket as he steamed underneath James Shanes into bend three on the second lap to net a share of the spoils.

Following a Kent 4-2 in the fifth, the Heathens responded with one of their own with a ruthless ride from Morris to squeeze out Danny Ayres down the back straight to block the run of the visiting No. 5 to take the chequered flag.

Three shared races followed before Cradley's lead was reduced to two points with Jack Thomas picking up a third while Shanes ended Morris' unbeaten run with a move around the outside away from gate four.

A 4-2 from Perry and Bradley Andrews gave the Heathens confidence and they sealed the deal in style with three 5-1s, two courtesy of Clegg and Morris, after making the most of winning the toss for gate positions at the start of the meeting.

Local rivals Birmingham have picked Cradley in the semi-finals of the play-offs. The first leg will be held at Perry Barr on Wednesday, September 28 with the return at Monmore on Monday, October 10.

Strollers South team step up for trophy

HARTSHILL Strollers will soon need a bigger trophy cabinet after winning yet another walking football tournament.

The club's South team lifted the cup at the second annual event organised by Dudley Council.

The South team beat Birmingham WFC's Blues team 1-0 in the final of the five-a-side tournament held at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge. Rob Dunning scoring. Birmingham WFC is the new name of Beechcroft. Hartshill North team reached the semis but were knocked out by their club mates in a penalty shoot-out. Strollers' home is Summerhill School, Kingswinford.

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STOURBRIDGE TAME TIGERS

Stourbridge 49 Sheffield Tigers 21
STOURBRIDGE continued their excellent start to the season by making it three wins from three games in National League 2 North.

Sheffield Tigers were the latest side on the receiving end as Stour powered to a 49-21 success.

Unbeaten Stour now look optimistically at a tough October fixture list with trips to joint-National 2 North leaders Sale and Sedgley Park.

The visiting Tigers had led 10-0 early on but the hosts hit back to dominate and secure another bonus point victory.

Tigers struck first through the boot of Angus Bowyer when Stour were penalised for holding on in the tackle. The visitors found Stour's defence dozing, winger Henri Packard taking a pass in space to hare untroubled to the corner.

Stung into action, Luke White's kick secured Stour's opening score.

No.8 Ciaran Moore touched down twice and winger Joe Bridger and centre Joe Heatley also scored tries while some solid kicking from Luke White saw Stour lead 29-16 at the break.

Full-back Rod Petty and a second effort from Heatley completed the try count after the break for the hosts. Tigers got a try for Alex Graham at the death.

Stourbridge are at home again on Saturday when they host league newcomers Scunthorpe (3pm).

In Midlands 1 West, Dudley Kingswinford narrowly lost 7-5 at Wolverhampton.

It proved to be a mixed day for DK fly-half Duncan Tompkins. He was instrumental in the first half's only try which saw Jim Parkes touch down to give DK a 5-0 half-time lead.

The normally, reliable Tompkins missed the conversion and two further penalties in a tight affair.

Wolverhampton cashed in with inside centre Rhys Morgan touching down to level the scores before Bill Jones added the conversion to clinch the win.

Old Halesonians saw their winning start to the season come to an abrupt end courtesy of 44-3 defeat at the hands of Nuneaton.

England World Cup call up



Stourbridge student Grace Smith joins the England squad in Jordan for the U17 girls' World Cup

STOURBRIDGE football star Grace Smith has been named in the England squad for the under-17s World Cup.

Aston Villa player Smith is studying A-levels at King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, and made her England debut last year.

The Bridgnorth girl plays in defence or midfield, was part of the young Lionesses squad that finished third in the European Championships earlier this year, thus guaranteeing their place in the tournament.

The World Cup will take place in Jordan from September 30 to October 21, featuring

more than 30 matches. England have been drawn in Group C alongside Brazil, Nigeria and North Korea. England's first group match is against North Korea at the King Abdullah II International Stadium in Amman on October 1.

This is the first England women's Under-17s side to qualify for the World Cup. The squad that competed in 2008 had been invited to the tournament and reached the semi-finals.

Smith started two group games at the Euros - the 12-0 battering of Belarus, where she scored twice - and the 4-3 semi-final defeat to Germany.

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